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Marilyn Harrell

Robin Hud says sorry

WASHINGTON, June 17, (AP): A private escrow agent known as "Robin Hud" quoted Scripture and wept as she came to Congress yesterday to confess she stole millions of dollars from the government, giving much of it to the poor.

She addressed a House panel that also heard the inspector-general of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) say the agency still cannot control its money and may have up to \$20 million unaccounted for.

"I justified my actions inwardly only by reminding myself that I followed a higher law in an attempt to ease suffering," Marilyn Louise Harrell told the House subcommittee on housing and employment.

The Maryland woman, dubbed "Robin Hud" because she says she gave the poor much of the \$5.5 million she took from the government from 1985-88, said she was testifying against the advice of her lawyer and was seeking "no leniency or immunity from prosecution."

One after another, members of the panel warned Harrell that her testimony could harm her if criminal charges are brought.

Still, she pressed ahead, promising to repay the government and breaking into tears as she quoted the Bible: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."

Harrell is one of a dozen escrow agents around the country who are being investigated for allegations of embezzling money from HUD. Paul Adams, the department's inspector-general, told the panel.

Robbed bank to pay mortgage

LONDON, June 17, (AP): An elderly man and wife who resorted to armed robbery to make their mortgage payments were allowed to walk free yesterday when a judge gave them a suspended two-year sentence.

Herbert Butler, 65, and his wife Eleni, 61, held up a London bank at gunpoint on New Year's Eve after they became overwhelmed with mortgage payments of £1,400 (\$2,140) a month. They receive a monthly pension of £27 (\$41).

Describing the case as "unique and bizarre," Judge Raymond Dean said in the Old Bailey Court that he saw no risk of the Butlers robbing again.

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○ تایلینڈ
○ پاکستان نے ایک کامیابی برقرار رکھی
○ ایران کو ترقی یافتہ ملکوں کے ساتھ تعلقات برقرار رکھنا

Iran to release gunboat crew

Tehran responds to Kuwaiti demand

KUWAIT, June 17, (Agencies): The Iranian government notified Kuwait today that it will release the six crew members of a Kuwaiti Coast Guard gunboat detained since early May, the Foreign Ministry announced.

The Kuwait News Agency quoted a ministry official as saying the Iranian decision was communicated by the Iranian Charge d'Affaires to Kuwaiti Jawad Torkabadi to the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaibi at a meeting earlier in the day.

Torkabadi told Osaibi "that the six Kuwaiti nationals would be handed over soon by the concerned Iranian authorities to the Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran which in turn will arrange for returning them directly to Kuwait," the official said.

"The minister asked Mr Torkabadi to convey Kuwait's thanks to the Iranian government for its response

Eight more to die for rioting

Shots fired at Chinese troops

BEIJING, June 17, (Agencies): Eight more people were sentenced to death today for beating soldiers and burning vehicles during the bloody crackdown in Beijing against pro-democracy demonstrators earlier this month.

Two men were also captured today after they fired shots at soldiers guarding a bridge, and four Western reporters left China after being expelled for violating martial law.

The eight sentenced to die, identified as workers, peasants and unemployed local residents, included one woman. State-run evening television news showed them appearing before the Beijing people's intermediate court for sentencing.

They were the first to be condemned to die for trying to stop the People's Liberation Army's crackdown against the democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square June 3-4, an offensive that left some 3,000 dead, according to Chinese witnesses and Western intelligence estimates.

On Thursday three men in Shanghai were sentenced to death for inciting protests and setting fire to a train.

Two "ruffians" shot at soldiers, injuring one, after they refused orders to stop and soldiers fired warning shots, the official Xinhua news agency said.

The gunmen fled but were later captured and turned over to public security authorities, Xinhua said. The report did not say how they obtained the firearms.

The government also issued another martial law order, directing people with guns, broadcasting or videotaping equipment to hand them over to public security officials.

John Pomfret of the Associated Press and Alan Pessin of the US government-run Voice of America, both resident correspondents in Beijing, left after being told Wednesday to get out in 72 hours.

They had been accused by police of violating martial law regulations prohibiting foreign reporters from covering the political upheaval. They arrived in Hong Kong later today.

Vernon Mann and John Elphinstone, both of Britain's Independent Television News, were given 24 hours yesterday to depart. They also arrived in Hong Kong today. Officials in the south-central city of Chengdu accused them of violating martial law and their visa status.



Doctors out

Striking junior doctors in New Delhi with belongings coming out of their hostels as government terminated their services. About 3,500 junior doctors have been on strike for the last four weeks for higher wages. (Reuters wirephoto)

which reflects a desire in having good neighbourly relations," he said.

"The Foreign Ministry instructed the Kuwaiti embassy in Tehran to follow up the issue with the concerned authorities to ensure the return of the six Kuwaitis home," he added.

No mention was made of the gunboat and whether it was also to be returned.

Commenting on the release Torkabadi said:

"This is evidence that good neighbourly relations between the two countries have begun to reopen."

The Iranian move came three days after Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed asked Tehran on Wednesday to release the six as a humanitarian gesture to good neighbours.

The gunboat was seized by the Iranians when it apparently strayed into their waters on May 9 while chasing a group that was trying to enter Kuwait illegally.

Lebanon war may escalate, says US

BEIRUT, June 17, (AP): Two leading newspapers warned today of all-out war in Lebanon after Syrian shellfire gutted a tanker carrying gasoline to the besieged Christian enclave and Christian Army commander, Gen. Michel Aoun, vowed revenge.

Syrian gunners, maintaining their daily harassment of the beleaguered Christians, blasted the three main ports north of Beirut with 150 howitzer shells, and clashed along the mid-city Green Line with Aoun's forces, killing one civilian.

Police said there were no casualties in the barrage on the Jounieh, Tabarja and Byblos ports through which food, fuel and occasionally weapons supplies are being smuggled into the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) enclave.

Police said a man was killed by sniper fire in Ain Rummaneh, a Christian neighbourhood on the eastern side of Beirut's demarcation line.

That brought the overall toll to 373 people killed and 1,450 wounded since clashes broke out on March 8 between Aoun's 20,000 troops and the allied Syrian and Lebanese Druze forces.

The daily newspaper An Nahar quoted a "senior US diplomatic source in Beirut" as warning of a major security blow up.

"If the trends of escalation and tension persist in Lebanon, they would lead to a renewed outbreak of war at a large scale," An Nahar quoted the American source as saying.

"Washington is exerting pressure on Gen. Aoun and Syria to avert this," the source added, without elaborating on the reported US effort.

The leftist daily newspaper As Safir, which is close to the command of Syria's 40,000 troops in Lebanon, also warned of a large-scale confrontation, blaming the tension on Aoun.

It was referring to Aoun's warning yesterday that "roads leading to capitals of occupation (forces) will not be safe henceforth."

Kuwaiti-Dutch ties cordial

By Yousef Alawneh

RELATIONS between Kuwait and the Netherlands have not deteriorated and there is absolutely no truth in the rumours that a strain in relations between the two countries has developed.

This categorical statement was issued by

Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed as a rebuttal to a report that appeared in the Dutch newspaper, NRC-Handelsblad that relations between the two countries had deteriorated due to a financial dispute involving an amount of \$6.5 million related to commercial ventures.

In a statement to newsmen, Sheikh Sabah said that a financial issue cannot affect relations between states as such disputes can be solved amicably. Sheikh Sabah stressed that the Kuwaiti ambassador to Holland and the Dutch ambassador to Kuwait are co-operating with a high degree of cordiality.



Trooping the Colour

Members of the British royal family watch a Royal Air Force 11-plane fly-past, from the balcony of Buckingham Palace after the Trooping the Colour ceremony yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)

US 'stores' N-arms in bases in Philippines

MANILA, June 17, (UPI): The Philippines armed forces chief today directed his Air Force and naval commanders to investigate reports there are nuclear weapons at US military bases north of Manila in violation of the Philippine constitution.

Gen. Renato de Villa said in a news conference he had directed Air Force chief Maj. Gen. Jose de Leon and Navy commander Rear Admiral Carito Cumanan to "complete the verification as soon as possible."

He noted the US government has a policy of neither confirming nor denying the presence of nuclear weapons at their military bases worldwide.

"But the Philippines will go ahead with the verification," he said.

President Corason Aquino Tuesday ordered military officials to verify reports in Manila newspapers that Soviet long-range missiles were aimed at Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base

because they had missiles directed at the Soviet Union.

The reports were based on a leaked message from the Philippine Ambassador to Moscow, Alejandro Melchor. Melchor reportedly said First Soviet Deputy Minister Yuri Voronov last July told Philippine Vice-President Salvador Laurel last July that Soviet missiles were aimed at the US bases. Soviet Ambassador to the Philippines Oleg Sokolov has denied the reports.

Interflug plane crashes

100 survive jet blaze

EAST BERLIN, June 17, (Reuters): One hundred people escaped from a blazing East German airliner today when the Moscow-bound plane overshoot the runway after an aborted take-off and caught fire, killing at least six.

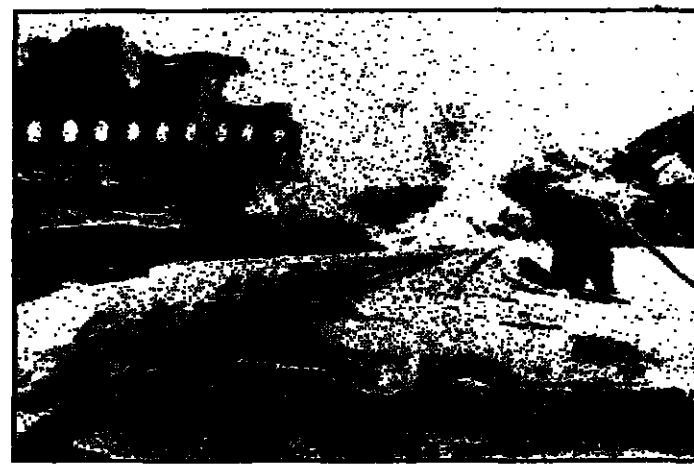
Giving the latest figures at a news conference at East Berlin's Schoenefeld airport, Transport Minister Otto Arndt said five passengers were so far known to have died in the fierce blaze that left the jet charred and gutted.

A farmer was killed as the Soviet-made Ilyushin IL-62 carrying 113 passengers and crew hurtled across a cornfield, narrowly missing other workers.

"Another eight passengers are still missing or have yet to be removed from the wreckage," Arndt said, according to the official news agency ADN.

Fifty-three passengers escaped uninjured as the plane of the state airline Interflug broke up. Arndt said 39 other survivors were in hospital, some with serious burns or suffering from smoke inhalation.

Others were discharged after



A fireman hoses down the remains of the Ilyushin IL-62 airliner. (Reuters wirephoto)

treatment, doctors told East German television.

Arndt said the figures had fluctuated during the day because passers-by had picked up survivors to take to hospital or their homes, complicating the official tally.

The minister said all 11 of Interflug's remaining IL-62s had been grounded until the inquiry

he heads found out what went wrong with Flight IF102, the first East German airline accident since 1975.

Arndt said airport firefighters were on the scene in minutes and smothered the blazing fuel-laden jet with foam. This helped to explain why so many people got out before the flames took hold.

Filipino housemaid dies after assault

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

THE employer of a Filipino maid who died last Wednesday from injuries inflicted by his wife has been putting out feelers to find out whether the Filipino embassy, which represents the victim's family, would be willing to settle the compensation issue out of court, according to FLASSIK, the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait.

A FLASSIK spokeswoman told the Arab Times that the embassy is determined to press charges and is currently in the process of engaging a Kuwaiti lawyer.

The employer's wife who fatally assaulted the 30-year-old Mary Omran Lani on April 10, faces up to five years imprisonment with hard labour and a KD200 fine, according to Kuwaiti lawyers.

The case, still under investiga-

tion, is in the hands of a public prosecutor who is expected to charge the attacker with manslaughter.

Once the verdict is passed the victim's family can file a case of compensation, which usually ranges between KD 20,000 and KD 30,000.

Mary Omran Lani died in the operating theatre of the Mubarak Al Kabir hospital last Wednesday after doctors fighting to save her life performed surgery for the sixth time since she was admitted.

Her body has been transferred to the forensic mortuary at Farwaniya Hospital.

Although she was in critical condition when brought to the hospital she was reported in stable condition until about two weeks ago when she began drifting in and out of consciousness. She died of abdominal injuries.

The Filipino community in Kuwait was shocked at the news.

Bahrain opens stock exchange

KUWAIT, June 17, (Reuters): Trading began today on Bahrain's first stock exchange, the opening signalled with a push of the bell by Minister of Commerce and Agriculture Habib Kassem.

The head of the exchange, Fawzi Behad, said only a few small deals were concluded after the initial session began at 10.30 am (0730 GMT), but activity would be in full swing tomorrow.

The market lists 29 Bahraini companies with a total nominal capital of \$1.6 billion. Citizens of Bahrain and the five other members of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) — Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — are allowed to buy and sell shares.

Trading will take place from 9.30 to 11 am (0630 to 0800 GMT) each day except Friday.

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NEWSWATCH

Harrods ban

LONDON, June 17, (Reuters): Egyptian-owned Harrods department store has banned shoppers in skinny shorts from its opulent aisles, telling them to come back after they cover up.

"This is not Brighton beach after all," said a spokesman for Britain's best-known store in London's Knightsbridge area.

He said scores of customers had been turned away, "politely but firmly," during the current hot spell because they did not meet the dress code of owner Mohammed Al Fayed.

Lifeline 'deceives'

LONDON, June 17, (Reuters): British pathologists have challenged the palmist's belief that your hand can reveal the secret of how long you will live.

Examining 100 bodies in a hospital mortuary in western England, they compared the length of lifelines on their palms with the ages of the deceased, the Daily Mail newspaper said today.

"It didn't matter which hand was examined, the lifeline appeared to have no bearing on how long the patient lived," pathologist John Bradfield was quoted as saying.

Walesa's 'no'

WARSAW, June 17, (Reuters): Solidarity leader Lech Walesa refused to join the communists in a coalition government on the eve of second-round voting in Poland's parliamentary elections.

His refusal today followed the latest call from Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski for Solidarity to join a grand coalition.

Gone haywire

BRADFORD, England, June 17, (AP): Young demonstrators today broke away from a rally by 3,000 people against Salman Rushdie's novel "The Satanic Verses" and ran through Bradford's main shopping district assaulting passersby and damaging cars and shops.

Sentenced

KHARTOUM, June 17, (KUNA): A Khartoum court today sentenced Issam Abdul Rahman, a Sudanese national, to four years of imprisonment for breaking into the embassy of the United Arab Emirates and holding up Ambassador Mohamed Sultan Al Swaidy.

Travel alert

WASHINGTON, June 17, (AP): The State Department issued a travel alert yesterday that noted West German authorities "are taking steps to counter any possible terrorist actions" at the Frankfurt airport.

Over 34,000 Turks deported from Bulgaria

KAPIKULE, Turkey, June 17, (AP) Ethnic Turkish deportees wept and cheered Turkey's Prime Minister Turgut Ozal today as he visited a border point jammed with refugees from Bulgaria.

Ozal, who said ethnic Turks pouring in from Bulgaria now totalled more than 34,000 drove to Kapikule to greet

new arrivals pushing carts piled high with belongings.

"You are all welcome as part of the 56 million people in motherland Turkey," he said from the top of a campaign bus to the cheers of nearly 2,000 people.

The deportees wept, shouted "Ozal, Ozal," waved red-and-white Turkish

flags and sang an Ottoman military march.

Ozal, who says Sofia hoped to put him in the wrong by forcing Turkey to close its border, repeated calls for talks on a proper emigration agreement to safeguard the property of those leaving. "Let them come to the table now. I have called (Bulgarian leader Todor

Zhivkov's bluff. I opened the gates," Anatolian news agency quoted him as saying.

Officials from NATO-member Turkey say that they hope international condemnation of communist Bulgaria will force an end to the flood of ethnic Turks deported since May 6. Refugees started arriving after ethnic

Turks began hunger strikes and marches to protests at Bulgaria's 4-1/2-year campaign aimed at forcibly assimilating the 1.5-million-strong minority.

Bulgaria denies it is expelling anyone but says many are leaving under the influence of anti-Bulgarian propaganda. Olympic gold medalist weightlifter

Naim Suleymanoglu's relatives crossed from Bulgaria into Turkey yesterday as part of a wave of thousands of ethnic Turks being deported from their country.

Suleymanoglu, an ethnic Turk, defected to Turkey from Bulgaria in 1986.

Breach in Gumti river embankment

Thousands flee homes

DHAKA, June 17, (Reuters): Hundreds of Bangladeshis struggled to repair a river embankment which broke yesterday, sending torrents of water through more than 50 villages, officials said today.

They said about 5,000 villagers fled their homes as muddy water from the rain-fed Gumti river surged into their homes and over crops.

"The river, with strong currents, swelled up following heavy rains and broke through the embankment at two places," one official said today.

"The situation is still under control but volunteers have been kept ready to undertake emergency evacuation if need be," he added.

Gumti, a placid waterway during the summer, turns violent every monsoon season when water flows down from hills in India's Tripura state and spills through hundreds of villages in Bangladesh's Comilla district.

Authorities called in the Army to rebuild the Gumti embankment after a large portion was washed away in floods that killed at least 3,000 Bangladeshis last year.

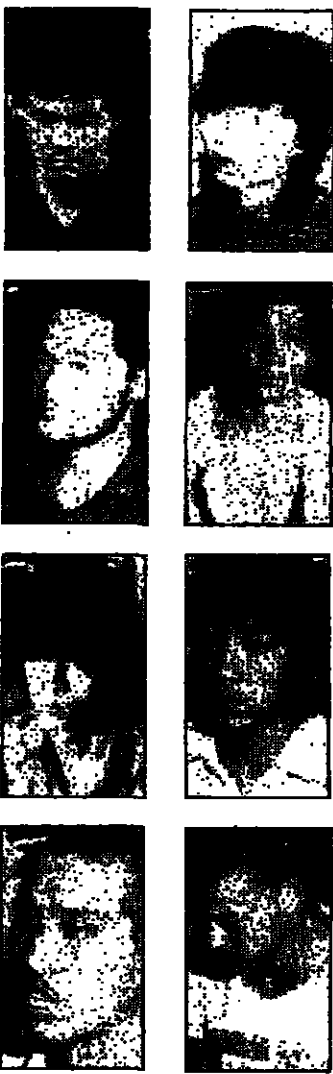
Meteorology officials said today water levels in the Gumti and two other rivers in northeastern Bangladesh had almost reached danger point.

More rain expected in the next few days might swell all major rivers and cause flash floods in northeastern districts, they said.

At least 10,000 people were made homeless after heavy rains last month washed away part of a river embankment in Gangachara area in northern Bangladesh.

Border guards in Bangladesh have seized heroin worth \$16 million smuggled from India, narcotics officials said today.

8 more sentenced to death



These eight unnamed people were shown yesterday on Chinese state television as they were sentenced to death by a military court



A People's Liberation Army soldier stands guard with a flower in the barrel of an automatic rifle yesterday at a street memorial to soldiers killed in the Tiananmen massacre. (Reuters wirephoto)

Death sentence

Soldier honours soldiers



Air turbulence

ATLANTA, June 17, (AP): A Delta Air Lines jet hit turbulence yesterday and those people not wearing seat belts "were flying through the air," a passenger said. Twenty-five people were taken to hospitals, including one with broken ribs. "The kids were screaming and the food was flying and the people were flying," said Brenda Chevalier of Seattle, who was treated for a sprained back at South Fulton hospital.

New cracks found in Boeings 737-400s

LONDON, June 17, (AP): Investigators have found hazardous new cracks in the engines of grounded Boeing 737-400s operated by British carriers, the Times of London reported yesterday.

Neither the Department of Transport nor the Department of Civil Aviation, which ordered the aircraft grounded last week, said they could confirm or deny the report.

On Monday, the Department of Civil Aviation grounded the 12 British-operated Boeing 737-400 aircraft powered by CFM56-3C engines after two incidents on British planes last week.

US troops cautioned

NPA threatens attack

MANILA, June 17, (UPI): Communist rebels threatened today to launch new attacks against US troops stationed in the Philippines and said they will not be intimidated by efforts to protect American soldiers.

Philippine authorities last week beefed up security in the Liberty City of Angeles next to Clark Air Base, about 50 miles north of Manila, and in nearby Mabalacat town with 1,000 additional troops.

Last week, they also released documents that had been seized during the past year that showed the rebels were plotting to kill nine US servicemen. Officials said the rebels planned to kill the servicemen in April but were stopped by intensified mobile and foot patrols near Clark.

In a statement sent to news agencies today, the regional command of the communist New People's Army, or NPA, said: "The policy of the NPA to punish US troops deployed in US military installations remains."

Among other US facilities in the Philippines, the

rebels referred to Clark and Subic Bay Naval Base, America's largest overseas military installations.

"It is true that the NPA is able to penetrate the area (near Clark) and many residents here warmly support the revolutionary movement," the statement said. "But if the regime intends to drive the movement away from the place, the NPA accepts the challenge," the rebels said.

Communist guerrillas have claimed responsibility for the April 21 ambush and slaying of US Army Col. James Rowe in Manila and the killing of three American servicemen near Clark in October 1987.

The rebels had accused the four of direct participation in Manila's counterinsurgency drive against the 23,000 communist force. The rebels have been fighting the Manila government for the past 20 years.

The rebels have issued threats to kill more Americans following the attack on Rowe but have not carried them out.

Four people injured in Ulster attacks

Car bomb found

BELFAST, June 17, (AP): Three Protestants and one Roman Catholic were seriously injured in sectarian attacks in Belfast and Antrim early today, police said.

In other incidents, police discovered 300 pounds (136 kilograms) of explosives in a car which tried to evade a police checkpoint near Belfast's mainly Catholic Ardoyne area. The Royal Ulster Constabulary said police believe they foiled a major bombing somewhere in the city.

A bomb exploded just outside Belfast on the main line to Dublin early today, police said. Rail authorities said the main line between Belfast and Lisburn was expected to be closed most of today while security forces inspected damage. No one was injured, police said.

The Dublin-Belfast line has been closed 17 times this year because of attacks by the out-

'End' use of breast drugs

WASHINGTON, June 17, (AP): US women who choose against nursing their newborn children may have to get along without hormones and drugs that prevent painful breast engorgement.

The Food and Drug Administration says it will ask drug companies to stop promoting these hormones and drugs for non-nursing mothers because they are no more effective than mild analgesics or breast supports and may do harm.

FDA officials plan to meet soon with drug companies about getting them to agree to stop marketing the medicines for that purpose.

"I'm sure we'll agree to ask the companies to comply with the recommendations of the committee," Philip Corfman, executive secretary of the advisory committee and FDA's supervisory medical officer for fertility and maternal health drugs, said yesterday.

The agency regulates the use of drugs in the United States.

"The issue is how much further we wish to go in the matter to get them to comply," he said. The FDA could withdraw approval for use of the suppressants for breast engorgement, he said.

The public citizen health research group says use of the hormones and drugs needlessly expose more than 700,000 new mothers to health risks. Jennifer Niebyl, a physician on the FDA committee said the pain is "significant" for only 10 per cent of the women who get the drug.

First step being taken Random alcohol tests

WASHINGTON, June 17, (AP): The transportation department is taking the first step toward nationwide random alcohol testing of airline pilots, train engineers, ships' officers, pipeline workers and bus and truck drivers.

Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner told Congress on Thursday he had asked department lawyers to examine rule-making that would expand the department's random drug-testing programme to include alcohol. Rules on drug testing of 4 million transportation workers take effect at the end of the year.

Skinner said alcohol testing raises complex issues and should not begin hastily as proposed in a house bill requiring random testing for both drugs and alcohol among railroad workers. Skinner said he would recommend that President George Bush veto that bill, if adopted, because it would require the department to start over with its testing programme.

Skinner testified at a hearing of the Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee, which is considering its own version of mandatory drug and alcohol testing for transportation workers.

The transportation department last November ordered drug testing programmes in private transportation industries, but the programmes face several court challenges and the congressional bills would give testing the force of law.

Eleven die in copter crashes

Chopper on manoeuvre

YARMOUTH, Massachusetts, June 17, (AP): A National Guard helicopter flying in dense fog crashed in a residential area of Cape Cod early today, killing at least six people aboard the aircraft, authorities said.

Because the wreckage was so severe, rescuers could not rule out the possibility that there were more fatalities. Yarmouth fire deputy William Greene said, Police said the UH-1 Bell chopper could carry up to 10 people.

The helicopter was believed to be on military manoeuvres from Otis Air Force Base about 30 miles (48 kilometres) away, Greene said. Calls to the base went unanswered.

The identities of the victims were not immediately released. The chopper crashed shortly after midnight (0400 GMT) in a residential neighbourhood, missing one home by just 100 feet (30 metres), Greene said. Wreckage was scattered in a 150-foot (45-metre) radius from the crash site.

Police said there was no damage to homes in the vicinity. A team of military investigators reached the scene before dawn. The cause of the crash was not immediately known, said

Richard Bunker, a state aeronautical inspector.

Yarmouth is about 85 miles (136 kilometres) south of Boston.

Officials said one or more helicopters had been flying over Yarmouth for much of the evening.

"We received several telephone calls from people in the area," police Sgt. Paul Rooney said. "They heard a helicopter flying low overhead and then heard the crash."

Rooney said the helicopter was being used by the Massachusetts Army National Guard, but officials at the crash site were unable to confirm that.

A helicopter crashed today at the Portuguese resort of Figueira da Foz, killing the five occupants of the craft, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported.

The helicopter came down on the town's beach, Lusa said, citing Figueira da Foz fire services. Lusa gave no further details of the crash.



Church service

Archbishop Desmond Tutu addresses a church service in a Cape Town township during a commemoration of the June 16, 1976, schools uprising in Soweto. (Reuters wirephoto). See S. Africa blocks, Page 9.

One dead in foiled bank job

HALLANDALE, Florida, June 17, (AP): Two bank robbers escaped after a shootout yesterday that left a police officer wounded and an accomplice dead. The robbery attempt was also foiled.

A fourth man, the getaway driver, was arrested outside City National Bank of Hallandale after his car was riddled by police bullets. One of the fugitives may also have been wounded, police said.

Police did not realise the men had escaped until a siege of several hours ended when a SWAT team dropped in from a helicopter and did not find anyone inside the bank.

The robbers used a guard's uniform to fool employees as they arrived at the bank in the morn-

ing. They also seemed familiar with the bank's operation, police said.

"It was well planned," police chief Richard Fox said. "It takes some planning if this person had a security guard's uniform on. They apparently knew the routine. It was not sloppy at all."

Hallandale police Lt. David Miles, 42, a 16-year veteran, was in stable condition at Hollywood Memorial Hospital with gunshot wounds to the chest and the groin, a hospital spokeswoman said.

Miles' new bulletproof vest, which stopped the shot aimed at his groin, probably saved his life, said Sgt. Jack Kudrick.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Indo-Pakistan talks

ISLAMABAD, June 17, (KUNA): Indian Foreign Secretary S.K. Singh arrived here yesterday from New Delhi to hold talks with Pakistani official Doctor Humayun Khan.

Briefly talking to reporters on arrival at Islamabad airport Singh said there was no fixed agenda for the talks, which are due to begin today.

Armenia tremors

MOSCOW, June 17, (AP): Tremors registering up to 5.5 on the 12-point Soviet earthquake scale were recorded yesterday and today in northwestern Armenia, the Tass news agency said. No casualties or damages were reported.

According to the official news agency, the first tremor measuring 3 to 5.5 were recorded yesterday in Kirovakan, Aparan, Razdan and Leninakan, the same region that was devastated by a massive earthquake on Dec 7 last year.

Tokyo earthquake

TOKYO, June 17, (AP): A strong earthquake shook the Tokyo area this morning, the Central Meteorological Agency said. Police said there were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

The meteorological agency said there was no danger of Tsunami huge tidal waves triggered by undersea disturbances such as earthquakes — along the Pacific coast of eastern Japan because the epicentre of the quake was too deep.

Toxic fumes

JAKARTA, June 17, (AP): Two people were killed and 35 injured by toxic fumes released from an abandoned natural gas well in east Kalimantan on the island of Borneo, police said today.

Police said fumes from the well, abandoned in 1976, also killed cows and buffaloes.

Eiffel centenary

PARIS, June 17, (UPI): Parisians arranged today to celebrate the centenary of the Eiffel tower by staging a dazzling show around the famous monument including performances by Placido Domingo and Stevie Wonder and a guest list headed by former President Reagan.

The revelry at the tower, which still claims to be the world's biggest single tourist attraction, was scheduled to start dusk or approximately 10:45 pm (2045 GMT) and last 89 minutes.

Malaysia reshuffle

KUALA LUMPUR, June 17, (KUNA): Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir Mohamad on Wednesday reshuffled the cabinet, filling one vacancy and moving several ministers who have been in their portfolios a long time to other ministries.

He also transferred six deputy ministers, promoted one parliamentary secretary to deputy minister and appointed two parliamentary secretaries.

Waldheim ban

WASHINGTON, June 17, (Reuters): The United States has refused an Austrian request to lift its ban on visits by President Kurt Waldheim, imposed two years ago during a controversy over his war record, a State Department official said yesterday.

The official, who asked not to be identified, said that Austria earlier this month sent a diplomatic note to the State Department asking that the former UN secretary-general be removed from the US "watch list" of unwanted visitors.

The official said that despite the note, "there is no change in our position."

Bush's job poll

BOSTON, June 17, (UPI): President Bush's job performance rating has improved and his favourability rating remains strong following negative news media reports of his NATO trip and his stance on turmoil in China, a poll showed on Thursday.

The poll taken by the Boston Globe and WBZ-TV in Boston revealed Bush's cautious approach to discord in China has kept his favourability rating at 77 per cent. An earlier poll by the newspaper and television station found similar results.

Suit withdrawn

TOKYO, June 17, (AP): The last living plaintiff in a 14-year-old lawsuit has withdrawn his demand that Japan repatriate Koreans it had forcibly moved to Sakhalin island, now part of the Soviet Union, during World War II.

Attorney Kenichi Takago said Thursday his client, Lee Dokkim, had agreed to drop the case because the three other plaintiffs had died and Lee himself had returned to South Korea from Sakhalin in April.

Cholera risk

LISBON, June 17, (AP): Some 25,000 people risk contracting cholera in Angola this year unless sanitary conditions improve, the Angolan official news agency warned yesterday.

In a report monitored in Lisbon from the Angolan capital of Luanda, Angop said 1,000 people have died of cholera in Angola since a resurgence of the disease in 1987.

IRA gunman

NEW YORK, June 17, (UPI): An Irish-American policeman paralysed from the neck down by a teenager's attack paid a visit yesterday to an imprisoned Irish Republican Army gunman who killed a British soldier in Belfast, and endorsed the prisoner's bid for political asylum.

Wheelchair-bound officer Steven McDonald, 32, met for an hour with Joseph Doherty at the Manhattan Correctional Centre in Lower Manhattan, where Doherty has been held for six years pending disposition of his case.

Pleaded innocent

MEXICO CITY, June 17, (AP): A former federal security chief has pleaded innocent to charges that he masterminded the slaying of an investigative journalist and denied that he was linked to a prominent Mexican drug trafficker.

Bingo Day 5

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Nature's wrath

A Montgomery County, Maryland home near Washington DC suffered heavy damage when its roof was torn off during a severe thunderstorm on Wednesday. Nearly 100,000 homes were still without power on Friday. (Reuters wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

WICHITA, Kansas: Pop superstar Michael Jackson will be getting a new addition to his menagerie of animals this week when he receives a baby giraffe.

Sedgewick County Zoo officials said a 1-year-old giraffe named Mahali was set to leave for California, where an animal dealer will deliver her to Jackson.

Zookeeper Ryan Galkler said she isn't a typical giraffe, which may suit Jackson just fine because she's on the shy side.

"She's not as outgoing as some of the other giraffes that we've had," Galkler said. "She seems to be a little bit more to herself."

Zoo officials would not disclose Mahali's price, but said female giraffes normally run about 15,000 dollars. (AP)

NEW YORK: Former Olympic ice skater Tai Babilonia says she is ready to return to the rink, nine months after a suicide attempt during a time she "hit rock bottom."

Miss Babilonia posed with her skating partner, Randy Gardner, in Times Square to announce their professional return to a show in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

"I'm excited about being back with my partner and going to death about performing again," Miss Babilonia said. "But it was my decision to come back. I missed it." (AP)

NEW YORK: People who wish they were skinny might want to talk to actress Sandra Bernhard.

"Emaciation isn't all that it's cracked up to be," the lanky comedian said in an interview with Mademoiselle magazine.

Over the years, she says, people have called "spaghetti-legs," "bony maroney," "anorexic freak" and "will o' the wisp."

"I've been skinny for so long now, sometimes I'm known simply as 'the bone woman,'" she says. "Hordes of compulsive dieters constantly mill about me."

Many ask how she does it. "It's just the way I am—I eat and my metabolism knocks it out," Bernhard said. (AP)

NEW YORK: Sex appeal is in the eye of the beholder, says actress Meg Ryan, who is getting used to being called sexy.

"There's just no one way to be sexy," she told Mademoiselle magazine in an interview. "There are many different means of attractiveness. Some people will respond to you and some won't."

These days, actor Dennis Quaid is responding to her and she said she likes it.

"It's so precious to us. I don't mind telling people we're in love 'cause that's true," said Ryan, who has appeared in "Top Gun," "Presidio," and "When Harry Met Sally." (AP)

PHILADELPHIA: Comedian David Brenner likes a little bubbly with his billiards so he's planning to open a pool hall that will serve champagne and boutique beer.

Brenner said the chain of billiards rooms, bearing his name, also will have a dress code. He plans to make appearances, now and then, he said.

"Some people have old-fashioned connotations of 1950s poolrooms," he said. "But this is going to be the social meeting place for yuppies."

If he didn't mean it, he said, "I would have just called it the Benjamin Franklin Billiards Room. Or the Liberty Bell Pool Hall."

Brenner, who grew up in Philadelphia and lives in New York, said he hopes to open the first parlor by October in the historic Society Hill section. (AP)

NEW YORK: Sara Maria Aldrete Villareal, the reputed "godmother" of a drug cult allegedly responsible for 15 ritual slayings near Matamoros, Mexico, accused Mexican police of torture and denied she was involved in the killings in an interview to be broadcast Saturday on American television.

"They (Mexican police) wanted me to say things that I didn't do. They wanted me to talk about things that I didn't know," Aldrete said in the interview with Fox Television's "the reporters," according to excerpts released by the Fox Network in New York Wednesday.

Aldrete, who is being held in Mexico without bail, said in the interview that she told her Mexican interrogators, "(If) you want to kill me, just kill me. I'm not guilty."

Aldrete, a 24-year-old former Texas college student, was arrested May 6, in Mexico City in connection with 23 slayings in Mexico City and Matamoros, across the border from Brownsville, Texas.

Mexican authorities say the cult's 23 victims included 13 killed in ritual slayings and buried at the Santa Elena ranch near Matamoros. One of those killed at the ranch was Mark Kilroy, a 21-year-old University of Texas student. Two more bodies were found near the ranch. The cult is also suspected in at least eight deaths in Mexico City area. (UPI)

NASHVILLE, Tennessee: Country music singer Tanya Tucker, who is 1-2 months pregnant, says she saved her friend from choking on food by performing the Heimlich manoeuvre.

After attending a baby shower for her, Tucker and several friends went to Nashville area restaurant. During their meal, Rosemarie Farose started choking on food and began turning blue.

"We were eating steak," Tucker said. "All of a sudden she took a bite and (began coughing). I asked her, 'Are you choking?'"

Despite her pregnancy, Tucker reached her friend from behind and dislodged the food with a quick thrust to the abdomen.

Tucker, 30, said her brother, John, taught her the Heimlich manoeuvre after he used it to dislodge aspirin stuck in her throat prior to a concert performance several years ago. (AP)

DUBLIN: Veteran Irish actor Ray McAnally, whose 40-year career won him a string of awards and international recognition in the film "The Mission," died suddenly at his home in Ireland yesterday, police said. He was 63.

Actress Vanessa Redgrave paid tribute to one of Ireland's best known actors famed for his versatility on stage, screen and television, saying: "He was a very special actor. It is a great shame."

"He sunk himself into the character he was playing. Because of that, he played whatever character it was with tremendous belief, conviction and extraordinary detail," she said.

McAnally appeared in over 150 productions at the Abbey, Ireland's National Theatre. He was acclaimed for his British Television portrayal of a socialist Prime Minister in a "A Very British Coup" and won British Film awards for his roles in "The Mission" and "No Surrender."

He had just returned from Canada where he had been filming with Robert de Niro and Sean Penn in a remake of the old Humphrey Bogart classic "We're No Angels." (Reuters)

NEW YORK: Actress Cybill Shepherd says it's her duty to be an outspoken feminist.

"I've read that some younger women don't see the need to identify themselves as a feminist," she said in an interview with Glamour magazine. "Personally, I feel I owe something to the women who came before me, who sacrificed to get us where we are today."

Shepherd said she became a feminist in 1970 but wasn't active until four years ago, when she joined Gloria Steinem's group Voters for Choice. Her first demonstration was an abortion-rights rally in Washington in April.

"My belief that abortion is a constitutional right has gotten even stronger, particularly because I have daughters," Shepherd said.

She said two daughters, 9-year-old Clementine Ford and 1-1/2-year-old Ariel Shepherd-Oppenheimer, as well as Ariel's twin brother, Zack.

"Whenever you go out and march about an issue like this, you take a risk. You're exposed. Some fanatic might shoot you," she said. "But in my heart, I realized that I would be willing to die for this issue, to prevent the deaths that would result if abortion were made illegal again." (AP)

PUEBLO, Colorado: Couples who live together before marriage to determine if they are compatible could probably learn more about each other if they borrowed a 3-year-old child for a while, Dr. Joyce Brothers says.

The psychologist, columnist and author made the observation during a weekend appearance for celebration of Women Week at the University of Southern Colorado.

On the subject of opposites attracting, Brothers said one of the hardest parts of marriage is to learn how to forgive a spouse for the very trait that attracted you to that person in the first place. (AP)

STANFORD, California: Sally Ride, America's first woman in space, is leaving her post as a Fellow at Stanford University to become a professor and director of the California Space Institute at the University of California at San Diego, officials said yesterday.

Ride, 38, accepted the professorship effective July 1. She will replace James Arnold, a chemistry professor, and her salary will be \$64,000.

Appointment to the Space Institute directorship, however, awaits approval this week by the University of California board of regents.

"We are very proud of Sally Ride, who has made a wonderful contribution to the Centre for International Arms Control at Stanford, Donald Kennedy, university president, said in a prepared statement.

Ride flew in space in 1983. She left NASA in 1987. (UPI)

A tale of 2 biddies in battle of wills

ANNISTON, Alabama, June 17, (AP): A man described by an attorney as having lived two lives left two women claiming to be his widow and fighting over his \$8 million estate.

A trial is scheduled to start Monday in Circuit Court on which of two wills left by Harry G. Davis is valid.

Ruth Davis, 75, of Anniston, and Flossie Davis, 62, of Tallahassee, Florida, claim to have been married at the same time to Davis, a real estate developer and farmer.

Both women say they learned that their husband had two wives only after his death.

After Davis died last year at 77, Flossie

Davis presented a will she said he wrote in 1969 placing most of his estate in a trust fund for her and their two children, said A.W. Bolt, an attorney for Ruth Davis.

Bolt said Ruth is contesting the will. He said a 1959 will leaving the estate to Ruth was found three weeks ago. She and Davis had no children.

Bolt said Davis spent weekends and holidays with Flossie in Tallahassee and weekdays on the farm with Ruth.

After about 30 years of marriage to Ruth, Bolt said, Davis met the other woman in 1959, when she and her husband worked as tenant

farmers on his property. Bolt said Davis soon became entangled with Flossie, that Flossie divorced her husband and, with her daughter, moved in with the Davises.

Flossie claims Davis married her in 1960, and two years later moved her and her daughter to Tallahassee. "He bought her a home, set her up and supported her the rest of his life," Bolt said.

Ruth said she never knew about her husband's marriage to Flossie. Pat Burnham, Flossie's attorney, said his client had thought her husband divorced Ruth before their marriage.

Still no decision on safety of VDTs

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17, (UPI): The California state agency that monitors safety in the workplace has compiled a major report on video display terminals, but the two dozen experts who took part were unable to agree on specific recommendations.

The report is to be presented Thursday to CAL-OSHA, the state's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The committee was formed in response to three petitions filed by labour representatives asking CAL-OSHA to come up with specific guidelines and regulations on the use of VDTs, which have been alleged to cause or exacerbate various ailments.

An advance copy of the study was immediately hailed by a VDT industry group as giving the terminals "a clean bill of health."

The Computer and Business Equipment Manufacturers Association said in a statement from Washington that the study indicated there was no evidence that VDTs cause vision, musculoskeletal, stress, reproduction or indoor environment problems, providing the VDTs are well maintained and used properly.

A spokesman for CAL-OSHA, however, said the industry group is jumping the gun.

"I wouldn't say that just yet," Rich Stevens cautioned. "This report is a collection of opinions and recommendations. A lot of people had a lot of different things to say."

The report covers VDT impact in five areas: vision, musculoskeletal, stress, reproduction and indoor environment. Vision took top billing in the report because, the committee said, "vision-related complaints are the most common."

The committee determined that VDT work "can result in transient visual discomfort and that there is no conclusive evidence of permanent damage to the visual system."

The committee would not reach a consensus on whether new regulations are necessary.



Companion of Honour

STEPHEN HAWKING, the mathematician whose unlikely bestseller "A Brief History of Time" lured thousands of readers into the mysteries of the cosmos, joined the select membership of Companions of Honour in Queen Elizabeth II's birthday honours list today.

The 47-year-old Cambridge University professor has suffered from motor neuron disease for 25 years. He is unable to speak and is confined to a wheelchair. But his work on problems of space and time, combined with his humour and down-to-earth writing, have brought him international fame.

Hawking was the only new member of the order of the Companions of Honour, which is headed by the Queen and has no more than 65 members at any time. Other companions, chosen for "conspicuous national service," include writer Graham Greene and actor Sir John Gielgud.

Ian Holm, an Academy Award nominee for his role as an athletics coach in "Chariots of Fire" and recently seen on television in the spy thriller "Game, Set and Match," becomes a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE).

Domino's delivers too fast?

Hot pizza at any price

PITTSBURGH, June 17, (AP): After a Domino's pizza delivery car hit Frank Kranack's station wagon outside a suburban Domino's store, Kranack said the manager rushed to the wreck-age and demanded, "Let's get this pizza on the road."

"With all the damage there, I just didn't believe he was worried about the pizza," Kranack said this week.

Kranack, 42, an accountant, claimed whiplash injury in the October 1985 accident. His wife, Mary Jean, 42, claimed neck and back injuries and says her right arm, nearest the impact, is permanently disabled.

The couple's attorney, Ken-

neth R. Behrend, filed a lawsuit for damages—not against the 18-year-old driver, but against Domino's Pizza Inc. The suit claims in part that the company encourages dangerous driving with a trademark 30-minute delivery guarantee.

"People are being injured all over the country," Behrend said. "These drivers are trying to deliver pizzas within 30 minutes and sometimes it's just not physically possible. They may run a stop sign, go over speed limits or make illegal turns."

Domino's says the company constantly reminds its drivers that safety is important and disqualifies delivery people with

three or more serious moving violations.

Behrend said he has gathered information on at least 30 serious accidents in recent years related to Domino's speed delivery.

Ron Hingst, Domino's spokesman at its Michigan headquarters, said the company knows of 20 fatalities involving Domino's drivers, pedestrians and others last year. But he said accidents are bound to happen in such a large fleet.

Last year, Domino's sold about 230 million pizzas, delivering about 90 per cent. from about 5,000 owned and franchised stores in the United States, Hingst said.

Artists portray the pain of it all

BOSTON, June 17, (UPI): Doctors dealing with the headache, the most common and perhaps most frustrating form of pain, are using art created by sufferers to learn more about the often debilitating condition.

A new collection of headache art—paintings, prints, photos, sculpture and mixed media—solicited from all types of sufferers made its world premiere yesterday in conjunction with a national medical conference on headaches.

"One patient who saw that exhibit told me: 'It is extremely comforting to see this. It so vividly shows what I suffer from when I hide in my bedroom, close the curtains and lock the door. It means I am not crazy, this is not my imagination, it means other people are suffering the same thing,'" said Dr Eglis Spierings, Dutch-born head of Faulkner Hospital's Headache Research Foundation.

After a one-evening show at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, the 200 works will move to nearby Faulkner Hospital for a one-week public exhibition at the John R. Graham Headache Centre.

Researchers say the headache is the most common pain form reported to physicians. Five per cent of the world's population has a headache every day and an estimated 45 million Americans suffer from chronic headaches.

The headache costs the nation \$8 billion in lost work time and medical expenses.

Spierings said letting sufferers express their suffering through art can aid in a diagnostic process that is purely subjective, enhanced by no instrumentation.

"It is very difficult to get people to understand what suffering from headaches means," Spierings said yesterday. "All we can rely upon is what patients tell us."

"A lot of that communication is lost because of concepts. We can only hear what we fit into our concepts. We perpetuate the existing knowledge more than expand on it."

"Through art, patients can express features of their headaches unrestricted by existing medical concepts," Spierings said.

Spierings put out a call earlier this year to New England headache sufferers to express their pain through art. He did so after viewing a British exhibit, done in early 1980s, of art involving migraines—one of three common chronic headache disorders.

"Gripping headache," a drawing by Raymond Dorow II, expresses the physical pain level and emotional frustration of throbbing head pain over which he has no control.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Divorce high

LONDON, June 17, (KUNA): More marriages end up in divorce in Britain than in any other European country, according to figures released here.

A report by the British Family Policy Studies Centre also indicated that the British ranked very high both in the number of illegitimate births and the number of elderly people.

The study, timed to coincide with the European elections, said Britain along with Denmark has also the highest proportion of one-parent families.

Pop songs barred

DUBLIN, June 17, (Reuters): Irish couples hoping to get married to the strains of pop songs such as "Help Me Make It Through The Night" are likely to be disappointed in future.

Guidelines issued by Dublin's Roman Catholic priests have placed 30 well-known songs on a wedding blacklist, saying their secular nature make them unsuitable for the marriage ceremony.

These include "Lady In Red", the international hit by Irish singer Chris de Burgh when Britain's Prince Andrew took on honeymoon to play to this bride.

Youngest pilot

REYKJAVIK, Iceland, June 17, (AP): Tony Ahlengren, the 11-year-old American pilot trying to become the youngest person to fly around the world, landed in Iceland early today ready to go fishing after the first leg of his trip.

"I'm tired and I'm really glad to be here as this is one of the longest legs of the trip," said the 11-year-old aviator at Reykjavik airport.

He said the five-hour flight from Sondrestrom, Greenland, was made against considerable Easterly winds.

Behind bars

LORDSBURG, New Mexico, June 17, (UPI): The jailer authorities once believed to be a kidnapper victim was behind bars in his own jail Friday, charged with helping two federal inmates escape.

Hidalgo county sheriff Billy Darnell said Pedro "Pete" Valenzuela, 44, was arrested Thursday. He is being held on \$50,000-bond and has been suspended without pay.

Officials first feared Valenzuela had been taken hostage by two prisoners convicted of marijuana-trafficking charges. The two Mexican nationals, Gabriel Velasco Godinez and Gustavo Molina Reyes, remain at large. Darnell said investigators believe the two are in Mexico.

Agent arrested

PINEDALE, Wyoming, June 17, (UPI): A former customs agent who called himself the "ruler of the Florida keys" was arrested on perjury and drug charges following more than two years on the run, the Customs Service said yesterday.

Charles Frank Jordan was arrested Thursday night by customs agents, customs spokesman Dennis Shimkowski said. Although armed with a .380-caliber pistol, he surrendered without incident after agents lured him out of his trailer by asking him to help with his car.

Stepped-up patrol

MEXICO CITY, June 17, (UPI): Mexican officials have stepped up patrol of coastal waters, especially in the Gulf of Mexico area, in a renewed fight against drug trafficking. Naval Minister Mauricio Schelske said yesterday.

Schelske told reporters that about 10,000 members of Mexican armed forces are participating in the country's anti-drug trafficking campaign.

Vandalism

SACRAMENTO, June 17, (UPI): Angry over a spate of vandalism at California's Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a group of war veterans prepared yesterday to guard the monument 24 hours a day until a security system is installed in September.

Beginning today at noon, the memorial to more than 5,800 Californians who died in the Vietnam war will be guarded round the clock by volunteers and state police, said Richard Otis, spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Radio awards

NEW YORK, June 17, (AP): The Westwood One radio network captured five awards yesterday to lead the winners at the 5th Annual International Radio of New York gathering.

Westwood One, with its subsidiaries Mutual Broadcasting System and NBC Radio Networks, received five gold medals: best coverage of an ongoing story, the Moscow summit; best health/medical programme, best magazine programme format; best history programme; and best sports coverage, the 1988 summer Olympics.

Meeting broke up

LAGOS, June 17, (Reuters): Police broke up a meeting of a Nigeria's leading radicals who gathered today to debate alternatives to the military government's economic policies.

A witness said uniformed and plain clothes policemen stopped speakers addressing the meeting in the offices of civil rights lawyer Gani Fawehinmi.

Drug abuse

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, June 17, (AP): A Commonwealth conference on drugs said research into why young people turn to drug use is necessary to battle the drug menace at national and international levels.

The five-day inaugural Commonwealth conference for young people working in the drug field, which ended here yesterday, called for comprehensive national policies to fight drug abuse.

Troops sent to different areas of Uzbekistan

MOSCOW, June 17, (Reuters): Soviet troops are being sent to two other areas of an Uzbekistan valley to prevent the repeat of ethnic fighting in Fergana which killed at least 100 people.

"We are now sending units of the internal security forces into Namangan and Andizhan regions so that there should be no repetition of the tragedy of Fergana," Colonel General Yuri Shatalin, commander of Interior Ministry troops sent to the area, told Moscow Radio.

Shatalin did not say how many of the Interior Ministry troops were sent in nor whether they were in addition to the 12,000 already stationed in Fergana. All three regions are in the same valley of the Soviet Central Asian republic.

In Fergana, Meskhetian Turks were hunted down by majority Uzbeks in the worst ethnic violence in the Soviet Union in decades.

About 15,000 Meskhetians have been flown out of the republic after almost two weeks of violence in

which witnesses said Uzbek gangs burned homes, gang-raped women and desecrated corpses.

At least 100 people have been officially reported killed and 1,500 injured as a result of the violence, although unofficial reports have put the death toll much higher.

Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, who spent four days in the valley this week, laid the blame for the disorders firmly on the Uzbek Communist Party leadership.

In a speech to Uzbek Party officials published yesterday in the Communist Party daily Pravda, he also said local police had abetted the rioters by providing them with information on where the Meskhetians lived.

Uzbek prosecutor Dmitry Ustanov told Soviet television he was convinced the events had been premeditated, adding that police had confiscated over 5,000 weapons, including home-made pistols and sawn-off shotguns.

Bush to keep same policy in arms talks

Sticking to Reagan's guns

WASHINGTON, June 17, (Agencies): President George Bush embraces most aspects of the previous US position on strategic nuclear arms talks with the Soviet Union but reserves the right to make revisions once negotiations resume next week, the White House said yesterday.

"There'll be a considerable degree of continuity in the approach of this administration" to the START negotiations, which resume on Monday in Geneva, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said.

Noting that there "will be relatively minor" changes in the US position established by former president Ronald Reagan when the talks open, Fitzwater added that "We continue to examine our options, and have told the Soviets we reserve the right to make changes."

The talks which began in 1985, have been delayed since Bush took office in January, with the United States conducting an internal review of its national security positions before sitting down at the bargaining table.

Kremlin denies deaths

Soviets admit blast

MOSCOW, June 17, (Reuters): Soviet experts have insisted that no-one died after a powerful explosion, officially scored for 32 years, rocked an atomic weapons complex, but a dissident scientist says radiation sickness killed hundreds of people.

The Kremlin experts' assessment was revealed 24 hours after the Soviet Union officially acknowledged for the first time that a devastating accident forced thousands to flee from a southern Ural Mountains region in 1957.

They denied there were deaths or even an increase in radiation-linked disease after the blast at a nuclear weapons plant, a local journalist said today.

Dissident Soviet biologist Zhores Medvedev has maintained in a 1979 book on the accident that hundreds of people received fatal doses of radiation.

The accident, long suspected by Western experts to have taken place, was finally disclosed by officials during a news conference in Kashi, 100 km (60 miles) north of the regional centre, Chelyabinsk.

The official news agency Tass yesterday reported the officials said 10,000 people were evacuated after a tank containing radioactive waste exploded at a plant intended for developing atomic weapons in September 1957.

An area 105 km (65 miles) by eight to nine km (five to six miles) was contaminated by an estimated two million curies of radioactive elements discharged, Tass said.

The talks have been the main focus of nuclear disarmament since the US-Soviet accord banning intermediate-range ground-based missiles in Europe.

However, some experts say the talks will take an apparent back seat to separate negotiations in Vienna on cutting East-West conventional forces.

Officials involved in the talks said problems in reducing intercontinental strategic nuclear systems remain horrendously complex, since the weapons affect the very core of each side's national security.

Reducing weapons that can strike their targets within minutes, the officials noted, requires far stricter compliance verification than for conventional arms and armies in the European theatre.

New American chief nuclear arms negotiator Richard Burt said before the latest round in Geneva that a 50 per cent reduction in strategic nuclear weapons is still "the first ranked issue for arms control."

Undersecretary of Defence Paul Wolfowitz, however, said in recent senate testimony that "for the first time," conventional arms control has been moved to the top of the arms-control agenda where it properly belongs.

US and Soviet officials close to the nuclear talks said privately that Wolfowitz may well be right, at least for the time being.

Significantly, they said, Bush and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev both made recent far-reaching conventional force proposals but have not announced any big new initiatives for Geneva.

"This round will only last around six weeks and leaders could feel that faster progress can be made in Vienna," one involved diplomat said. "So for a while the nuclear arms talks could be in the back seat."

The new round in Geneva is the 11th since the officially named nuclear and space arms talks began March 12, 1985, covering long-range and medium-range nuclear weapons and space defence systems.

Elimination of ground-based medium-range missiles was agreed in December 1987.

Survivors still suffer

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17, (UPI): A Japanese medical team examining survivors of the US atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945 said yesterday victims are still developing illnesses from radiation exposure.

Six doctors and two researchers specialising in radiation-related diseases are in the United States to examine survivors in five West Coast cities, beginning in San Francisco for four days through Monday.

The free confidential checkups of about 1,000 US citizens of Japanese and Korean ancestry who survived the nuclear explosions and now live on the West Coast are also being offered in Los Angeles, Seattle, Honolulu and Maui.

Two professors placing a red cloak round the shoulders of Sakharov, (Reuters wirephoto)

— economic, and certainly, of course, in the nationalities question — to maintain stability and to keep receiving Western credits," Grigoryants said in an interview.

"There is very little time to achieve something before the situation in the Soviet Union becomes worse," Grigoryants said.

A senior Soviet official, calling the Soviets' tight border control "one of the pillars of the Iron Curtain," said yesterday the government may drop visa requirements for foreigners entering the country.

Anti-Soviet

WARSAW, June 17, (AP): A small band of young protesters shouted anti-Soviet slogans from the steps of a church yesterday and hurled firebombs at police.

There did not appear to be any injuries from the 90-minute demonstration, which dispersed peacefully.

At least seven protesters were detained, and there were several scuffles, said Manuel Ferreras Tascón, a spokesman for the Confederation for an Independent Poland, which organised the demonstration with several other splinter opposition groups.

The demonstrators gathered at a central Warsaw monument but after police tried to disperse them, several dozen retreated to the nearby steps of the Holy Cross Church overlooking a busy thoroughfare.

The protesters carried banners reading "Soviets go home" and "Boycott the second round of the elections."

Unlike the mainstream of the opposition, led by the Independent Solidarity trade union, the splinter groups generally reject participation in the partially democratic elections negotiated with authorities. Solidarity-backed candidates handed communist officials significant losses during the first round June 4, with runoffs scheduled for tomorrow.

Eighteen candidates from Confederation for an Independent Poland did run in the elections, but all were outpolled by Solidarity's candidates.

Police is dragging away a protester during the demonstration. (Reuters wirephoto)

Europe votes for EEC assembly

BRUSSELS, June 17, (Reuters): The European Economic Community tomorrow elects a new European Parliament whose members will face an uphill battle to shed the image of an overpaid "talking-shop."

Deputies of the 518-strong, Strasbourg-based international assembly, branded a weak debating club of the 12-state EEC, hope to win greater powers as the bloc plans to create a single-market economy in 1992.

Citizens in seven EEC countries round off voting which according to surveys is likely to boost leftist and environmentalist parties.

Results of the two-stage poll, held on Thursday in Britain, Denmark, Ireland, the Netherlands and Spain, will be revealed only after all nations have voted.

Tomorrow's Euro-voting will be swamped by general elections in Greece and Luxembourg, overshadowed by national issues in West Germany, Italy, Portugal and stir few passions in France and Belgium.

Shifts towards the left occurred in four of the first five EEC countries voting, according to unofficial figures. The leftward trend after Thursday's vote was evident in Britain, the Netherlands, Denmark and Spain. In Ireland, which also held a general election, the count was a cliffhanger.

But amid voter apathy everywhere except Ireland, only the environmentalist Greens made gains.

The Parliament, renewed by direct election every five years, has limited powers to amend key legislation knocking down barriers to the single EEC market planned for 1992.

It is credited for instance with forcing EEC ministers to agree tough anti-pollution curbs for small cars earlier this month.

Campaign ends for Greek polls

ATHENS, June 17, (Agencies): Premier Andreas Papandreu ended his election campaign with a rally, urging 500,000 supporters to give his Socialist Party another term to complete reforms begun eight years ago.

Recent opinion polls have indicated, however, that the conservative New Democracy Party will get about 47 per cent of the vote in tomorrow's election, compared with 36 per cent for the Socialists.

The supreme court said 25 parties are participating, including anarchists, fascists and the coalition of the left and progress, a new alliance of the Moscow-oriented Greek Communist Party and the Greek Left Party that is the country's third-largest political organisation.

If neither major party wins a majority in the 300-member unicameral parliament, the coalition could become a power broker. Some polls give it 14 per cent of the vote.

Both New Democracy and the Socialists have said they would reject Communist support in forming a government.

Papandreu won a divorce yesterday but ended the day with a humiliating snub from Greek voters.

One of the least enthusiastic crowds so far turned out for his final rally.

■ George Koskotas, the fugitive



General Secretary of Greek Left Alliance Leonidas Kyrkos before addressing a rally. (Reuters wirephoto)

Greek banker accused of embezzling \$200 million, made a bid to get out of jail yesterday, just three days before Greek elections in which his case has played a major role.

Koskotas' attorney, Ron Liebman, argued in US district court in Boston that the 35-year-old former chairman of the Bank of Crete should be left out on bail so he can fight extradition and defend himself in a civil lawsuit.

Setback for Haughey

DUBLIN, June 17, (AP): Prime Minister Charles Haughey conceded today that he had failed in his fifth attempt to win a majority in Parliament, but said he would attempt to form a minority coalition government.

"I didn't get the answer I wanted," a subdued Haughey said. With more than 85 per cent of the seats decided in Thursday's elections, it was clear that Haughey would have to govern with fewer friendly faces in the opposition.

But Haughey said he had no intention of resigning as leader of the Fianna Fail party, the country's largest.

The state television network RTE projected that Fianna Fail would win 77 or 78 seats, a loss of two or three.

With 142 of 165 races decided, Fianna Fail had won 66 seats, Fine Gael 45, Labour Party 13, Progressive Democrats five, Workers Party seven, Democratic Socialist one, Green Party one, independent and others four. Recounts were under way in six constituencies.

Thousands pay respect to Imre Nagy

BUDAPEST, June 17, (AP): Hundreds of thousands of Hungarians have paid their last respects to Imre Nagy, whose failed anti-Stalinist uprising was recalled as the cornerstone of the country's current drive for democracy.

The bodies of Nagy and four associates were lowered into the ground yesterday in a solemn ceremony 31 years after their execution.

Speeches at the gravesides and during an earlier ceremony at Heroes' Square reflected both sorrow at a national tragedy and the fighting spirit for democracy that lay behind the doomed revolt of Oct 23-Nov 4, 1956.

At Nagy's graveside, Tibor Meray, a journalist living in exile in Paris since 1956, lauded the former premier and his associates as the forefathers of attempts to reform communism.

"The epicentre of the earthquake shaking the communist world is here in plot 301" in Budapest's Rakoskeresztur Cemetery, Meray said.

It was there that the bodies of Nagy and his associates were dumped in unmarked graves after the execution of the former premier on June 16, 1958.

They were reburied there yesterday.

Those buried with Nagy were his defence minister, Pal Maleter; the minister of state, Geza Losonczy; the head of his secretariat, Jozsef Szilagyi and a close associate, journalist Miklos Gimes.

Earlier in the day hundreds of thousands of Hungarians visited Budapest's Heroes' Square where the bodies lay in state.

Hungarian state television and the MTI news agency estimated the number of people who paid their respects at about 250,000.

A sixth empty coffin was set above the rest to symbolise all those who perished in the uprising or were executed in the reprisals that followed.

Panama talks offer backed

PANAMA CITY, June 17, (Agencies): Panama's political opposition yesterday accepted a proposal for talks with the government and military that were proposed by the Organisation of American States (OAS).

However, the defence forces have not said whether they will accept the offer.

An OAS delegation made the proposal on Wednesday at the end of a three-day visit to Panama. The mission followed a previous OAS visit in May to end Panama's political crisis.

Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, commander of the defence forces and the country's de facto leader, has said repeatedly that the military is unwilling to participate in negotiations and that civilian government officials should hold the discussions.

During a lunch with businessmen, opposition presidential candidate Guillermo Endara read a declaration accepting the OAS proposal. The opposition has in the past said the military must be included in any settlement talks because Noriega holds real power in Panama.

"We are willing to initiate immediate direct conversations with the defence forces and its commander-in-chief, so that we can reach a national accord that assures the transfer of power by September 1989," the declaration said.

International observers said the opposition won the May 7 elections that the government annulled. Endara and vice presidential candidate Guillermo Ford signed the declaration "president-elect and vice-president-elect."

The government claimed foreign intervention made the vote moot. Foreign observers agreed that the opposition won the contest.

In the document, the opposition said: "The foreign ministers' second meeting was unable to secure an agreement because Noriega has not agreed to meet with the opposition."

Noriega met with the four OAS negotiators, telling them that the transference of the United States is to blame for Panama's problems.

The mission is scheduled to deliver a report on its findings at a July 19 meeting of OAS foreign ministers.

Noriega was indicted by two federal grand juries in Florida last year on drug-trafficking charges, which he denies. The then president Eric Arturo Delvalle tried to fire him, but Noriega orchestrated his ouster.

The US has frozen more than \$140 million in Panamanian bank deposits and canal payments, hobbling the banking industry and leaving the government ill-equipped to meet payrolls or fund basic social programmes.

Drug charge

■ At least four senior Cuban military officers, including a decorated Army general who served in Africa, are under arrest in connection with drug trafficking, the Mexican government news agency Notimex reported yesterday.

A Notimex story from the Cuban capital, monitored in Mexico City, quoted the Cuban government newspaper Gramma as saying three of the four were part of a number of Interior Ministry officials detained and being investigated for links with international drug traffickers.

The Notimex dispatch from Havana identified the Interior Ministry officials as Brig. Gen. Patricio de la Guardia Font, Col. Alexis Lado and Maj. Amado Padron, and said several more also were picked up by the authorities.

Among those taken into custody earlier in the week was Maj. Gen. Arnaldo Ochoa, a veteran of fighting in Angola and Ethiopia who served as commander of Cuban forces in Nicaragua in the mid-1980s, and was awarded the honorary title of "Hero of the Cuban Revolution."

Ochoa also was linked to drug trafficking. Notimex quoted Gramma as saying, US officials said in Washington he was arrested Wednesday.

Released
■ US officials yesterday released a Chilean fugitive jailed in Anchorage since Monday, denying Chile's request for extradition of one of its most wanted left-wing political activists.

The decision followed a four-way debate by the US, Chile, Australia and Sweden over the fate of Sergio Buschmann, 46, while he sat in a jail cell in isolation and virtually incommunicado.

"Politically, it was a hot potato. They had no reason to hold him," said Seattle immigration lawyer Bob Gibbs.



Two elderly ladies watching the reburial ceremony of Nagy. (Reuters wirephoto)

Railroad planned

AMMAN, June 17, (KUNA): Iraq and Jordan have agreed to build a 1,130 kilometre railroad between them to alleviate pressure on other land transport routes and help develop rural areas on both sides of the border, the official media reported today.

The \$1,387 million project will link the Iraqi city of Haidhar with Jordan's southern Red Sea port of Aqaba, the report said.

Jet engine fails

ISTANBUL, June 17, (Reuters): An executive jet carrying Turkish Premier Turgut Ozal, his wife and top aides landed safely at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport last night after one of its two engines failed.

Ozal, en route to the Bulgarian border to assess the plight of some of the 28,000 ethnic Turks expelled by Sofia, was told of the engine's failure after the Gulfstream jet landed.

Diplomat arrested

TUNIS, June 17, (Reuters): An African diplomat based in Libya was arrested at Tunis Airport with 65 kg (140 pounds) of Moroccan hashish, customs officials said today.

Comptroller Boukari, 35, from Burkina Faso, was in transit between Casablanca and Tripoli on Thursday with two suitcases stuffed with the drug, they said.

The hashish was destined for the Libyan market and worth about \$600,000, the officials added.

Embargoes urged

UNITED NATIONS, June 17, (KUNA): Palestine suggested yesterday that the Security Council impose embargoes on the marketing of diamonds and gold in South Africa.

Addressing the anti-apartheid committee which met in observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Struggling People of South Africa, Palestine's envoy Zehdi Labib Terzi said it was not enough for the council to adopt resolutions or impose arms embargoes against South Africa but it must also enforce them.

Death confirmed

NDJAMENA, Chad, June 17, (AP): The government has confirmed the death of Salet Gaba, an employee of the Associated Press, for 20 years, nearly two years after reporting his detention.

In an interview Tuesday in Ndjamena, Information Minister Adoum Moutari said Gaba, in his mid-40s, was killed by an Army patrol in central Gouna Province in 1987. The government alleges Gaba was involved in an armed rebellion.

Flights planned

JOHANNESBURG, June 17, (Reuters): State-owned South African Airways said yesterday it planned to introduce flights between Johannesburg and Kinshasa, Zaire, to help pilgrims on their way to Mecca. Airline spokesman Leon Els said the flights would be introduced temporarily in response to a request from South Africa's small Muslim community. Non-Muslims would not be allowed to use the flights.

Health programme

MUSCAT, June 17, (AP): Part of the developing health programme in this Sultanate will be a special centre for married lepers where they can live in their own homes, the government announced today.

A spokesman for the Health Ministry said the homes for about 50 couples will be in a leper colony 100 miles (160 kms) out of the capital.

France's Irangate

PARIS, June 17, (AP): Charges against four men accused of exporting arms illegally to Iran were dismissed yesterday, a quiet sign that a major political scandal in 1987, described as "France's Irangate," is finally over.

Michel Legrand, the investigating magistrate, said the charges of fraud, corruption and illegal exports could not be supported, in part because the Defence Ministry was not involved in the arms sales and refused to provide documents or allow questioning of military officers involved in the exports.

Pakistan invasion

ISLAMABAD, June 17, (AP): Afghanistan's radio yesterday charged a Pakistani military helicopter invaded Afghan airspace.

The incursion reportedly occurred on Tuesday, said Radio Kabul. Pakistani authorities could not immediately be contacted for comment, although Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto has repeatedly denied her nation's involvement in the decade-long war in neighbouring Afghanistan.

Saboteurs hanged

NICOSIA, June 17, (AP): Two would-be saboteurs were hanged in southeastern Iran today, and security authorities said that 11 suspected drug smugglers have been arrested in the same province in the past week, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

They were the first executions and arrests reported in Iran since the fundamentalist founder of the Islamic Republic, Ayatollah Khomeini, died on June 3 at age 86.

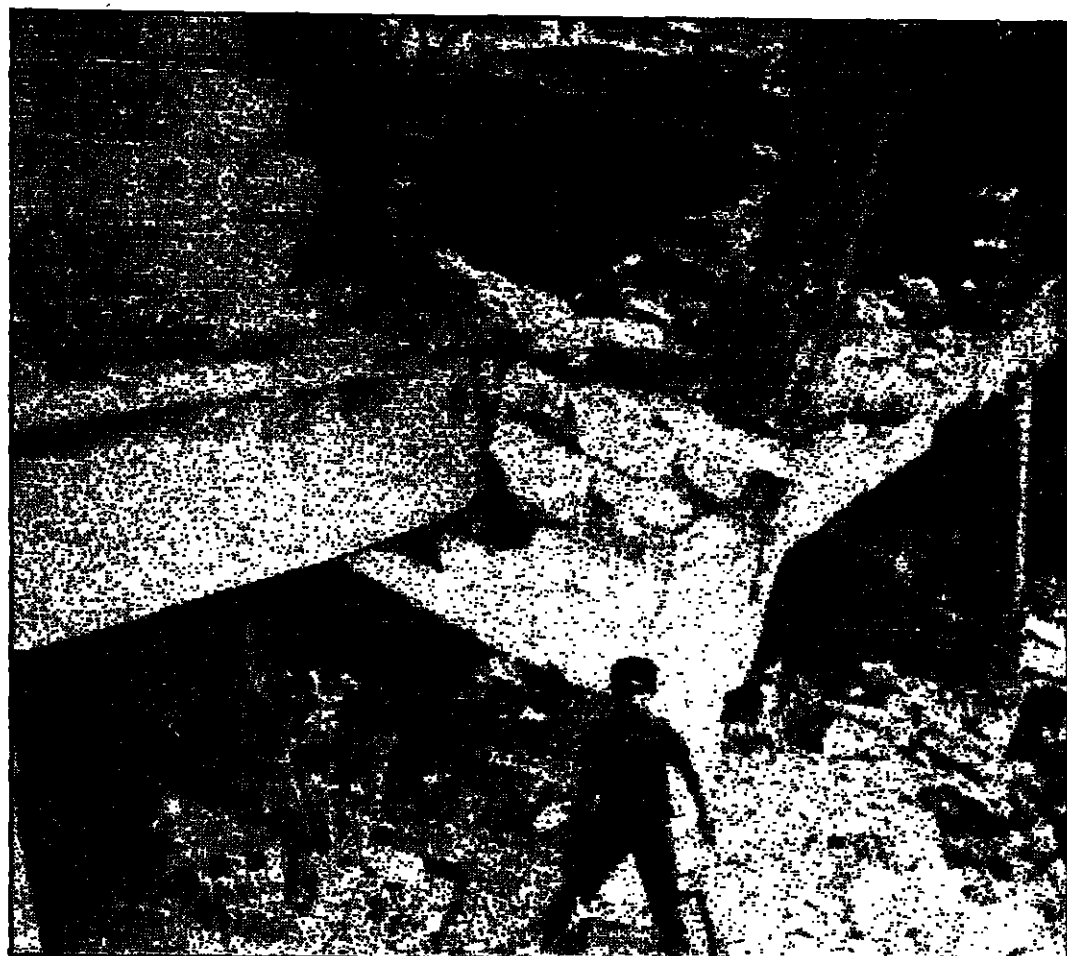
Khaddafi's visit

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): A Kuwaiti newspaper today said Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi will visit Cairo tomorrow to hold further reconciliation talks which began during the Arab emergency summit in Morocco last month.

The paper, quoting "responsible sources" in a dispatch from the Egyptian capital, said the two leaders would bury all their political differences that have soured relations between their countries for more than a decade.

Fatah meeting

TUNIS, June 17, (KUNA): Fatah movement's Revolutionary Council is meeting here for the second day today to discuss the intifada, the US-PLO dialogue and organization matters.



Home, that was

A Palestinian boy stands in front of his home, in Gaza's Zeitoun neighbourhood, dynamited by Israeli security forces on Thursday evening. A Palestinian arrested for activism in the Islamic fundamentalist Hamas movement and accused of killing a suspected collaborator lived there. Another house nearby was also demolished. (Reuters wirephoto)

ACC summit supports Iraq

Agreements signed

ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, June 17, (Reuters): Egypt, Iraq, Jordan and North Yemen ended the second summit of their new alliance yesterday and pledged full support for Baghdad in its efforts towards a lasting settlement to the Gulf war with Iran.

The four, meeting within the framework of the recently formed Arab Co-operation Council (ACC), also agreed to scrap visa requirements and give priority to workers from ACC countries. But the leaders — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, North Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Jordan's King Hussein and Iraq's Saddam Hussein — stopped short of a wider agreement to set them on the path towards their stated goal of economic integration.

"In Sana'a we are going to discuss more practical steps," Saleh told a news conference, referring to the next ACC meeting to be held in the North Yemeni capital in September.

Although focussing primarily on economic issues, the four leaders who ended their meetings one day ahead of schedule, also discussed Iran, Lebanon and Middle East peace.

"The leaders pledged their full solidarity with Iraq in maintaining its territorial integrity and historic rights in Shatt Al Arab," a final statement said.

Claims by both Iran and Iraq to rights over the Shatt Al Arab waterway separating the two countries have proved a major sticking point in efforts to turn into a permanent peace the ceasefire that ended the Iran-Iraq war last year.

"They supported a call to charge the United Nations with clearing up Shatt Al Arab (of

mines and sunken ships) and making it safe and navigable," the statement added.

On Thursday, Mubarak appealed to Iran's new leaders to work for a permanent peace. "There is nothing between us and the Iranian people and there could be no enmity between us," said Mubarak, whose country backed Iraq in the war.

The leaders made no reference to stepping up military co-operation and officials have been keen to point out the ACC is primarily an economic alliance.

"Military co-ordination is out of the question at the moment," newly-appointed ACC secretary-general Helmi Nammur said.

The summit in the Mediterranean port of Alexandria has been dominated more by rhetoric and ceremony than by hard agreement.

"We are very keen that the integration should be gradual. The question of commerce will come at a latter stage," Nammur told a news conference.

The four leaders signed a number of agreements.

The agreements signed yesterday covered an agreement for legal and judicial co-operation and a third for co-ordination of foreign policies of the ACC members.

The council's members also agreed to refrain from using or threatening to use force against each other and reaffirmed their commitment to a joint pan-Arab defence treaty.

The four leaders expressed support for the Palestinian uprising, pledged to continue to assist it financially, and denounced Israel's "oppressive policies" against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Sudan peace talks stalled

LONDON, June 17, (Reuters): Sudanese rebel leader John Garang said yesterday that talks with a Khartoum government team in Ethiopia had made no progress towards ending the six-year civil war in his country.

Garang, who has been visiting Western capitals to plead for resistance for impoverished southern areas controlled by his Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), also denied hindering the talks in Addis Ababa by setting new conditions.

"There are no new conditions. Our position is very clear," he said in an interview in London.

"The government had asked for some explanations and now they have them."

The June 12 meeting ended without agreement and Sudanese Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi accused the SPLA of introducing new terms at the talks at which the government was represented by its main coalition partners, the Democratic Unionist Party.

Garang, who on Thursday extended a unilateral ceasefire to June 30, said he was willing to prolong the ceasefire until the talks resumed on July 4 if government troops held their fire, but he appeared sceptical about the chances of peace.

US-educated Garang quit the Army in 1983 and formed the SPLA to fight what he saw as the domination of the Arab and Muslim north over the Christian and animist south in Sudan.

Conditions laid down by the SPLA include a freeze on Islamic Sharia laws before a constitutional conference, abrogation of foreign defence pacts with Egypt and Libya and lifting a state of emergency.

The Sudanese government says negotiations should focus on a ceasefire to precede a constitutional conference to decide Sudan's future. But Garang said he wanted his conditions met and ratified by Parliament first.

Garang, taking advantage of the lull in fighting, is on his first trip to the West since 1983. He has visited Washington, London and Bonn, taking time off to promote his new book "John Garang Speaks."

Mahdi has told government economists to find more money to finance the six-year civil war against southern rebels, despite peace talks aimed at silencing the guns.

State Radio Omdurman yesterday also quoted Mahdi as saying that Sudan's budget deficit would reach eight billion Sudanese pounds (\$1.8 billion) by the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Palestinians strike after violent clashes

Troops kill 3, wound 13

JERUSALEM, June 17, (Agencies): Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and the Gaza Strip launched a general strike today to protest Israel's Middle East peace plan and press the United States into accepting an international peace conference.

According to Arab reports, a complete strike was observed in the seaside Gaza Strip, where soldiers yesterday shot and killed three Palestinians and wounded at least 13 in a series of violent clashes in the town of Rafah.

A Palestinian reporter in Gaza City, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said youths burned tyres in the streets today and threw rocks at military vehicles.

Merchants also shuttered their stores and transport was grounded in the principal West Bank cities, Arab reports said. In scattered clashes, an 18-year-old Palestinian was reported wounded.

According to Arab accounts, the Army conducted raids on the West Bank villages of Osarin and Hawara near Nablus, and about two dozen residents were reported beaten with assault rifles.

The Israeli Army has ordered an inquiry into a clash at a Gaza Strip refugee camp where troops shot dead three Palestinians, Army Radio said today.

Security sources said initial investigations indicated that soldiers acted in accordance with standing orders during the clash, opening fire at Rafah camp when their lives were endangered by a crowd hurling stones, bricks and iron bars.

The strike was called by the PLO-led underground leaders of the 18-month Palestinian revolt to protest Israel's Middle East peace plan.

The peace programme, put forward by right-wing Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, calls for Palestinian elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza, to be followed by talks on a temporary self-rule with elected Palestinian representatives.

Uprising activists said in a leaflet the plan was a "conspiracy (that) will be thrown onto the garbage heap of history" and said the strike came to "call on the American administration to hold international conference, as it is the only way to reach peace in the region."

Shamir is a staunch opponent of such a UN-sponsored forum, which would include the Soviet Union and other permanent Security Council members — the United States, France, Britain and China.

He says it would necessarily be biased against Israel to the point of forcing dangerous territorial concessions.

On the eve of the strike yesterday, violent clashes erupted in the Gaza Strip town of Rafah, where troops shot Walid Omar Abu Abed, 23, in the stomach. He died at the Nasser Hospital in Khan Yunis, hospital officials reported.

The Army confirmed the death, saying Abu Abed was shot during a demonstration in which Palestinians hurled stones and metal bars at the soldiers.

Relatives snatched Abu Abed's body from the hospital, bringing it to a funeral in Rafah. The death and the funeral ignited wave after wave of violent riots at the Idna neighbourhood, one of the most crowded areas in Rafah, Palestinian reports from Gaza said.

Arab reports and Israel Radio said Amir Fuad Nasser, 25, died of a gunshot wound to the head, and 17-year-old Ahmed Abed Rabbo Abu Om was fatally shot in the head and abdomen.

Their deaths brought to 520 the number of Palestinians killed in the rebellion against Israeli occupation of the territories captured in the 1967 Middle East war. Twenty-two Israelis have also died.

Earlier, Israel's Chief of Staff Lieutenant-General Dan Shomron gave his strongest rebuff to politicians demanding a military solution to the revolt.

"People ask why we don't end the intifada. Anyone who wants to end the intifada must remember there are only three ways to achieve this — transfer (mass deportation), starvation or physical elimination — that is, genocide," Shomron said.

Shomron's remarks, made in a speech Thursday night in Ashkelon and broadcast yesterday, followed growing calls from Shamir's right-wing Likud Party for the Army to crush the uprising.

The US administration informed Israel last week that the Soviet Union is putting strong pressure on Arafat to accept Shamir's plan, a Kuwaiti daily said today.

Daily Al Rai Al Aam quoted reliable sources at the American State Department as saying the Soviets are also asking Arafat to stop armed actions against Israel from the northern borders.

Gunfire replies a stone Settlers patrol

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank, June 17, (AP): As soon as a stonelanded near his car, patrol leader Meishe Mishkan stomped on the brakes, popped a 25-round clip into his Uzi sub-machinegun and led other Jewish settlers in chasing a dozen Arab teenagers.

Moments later a short, chubby settler with a white, knitted skullcap was stoned from a rooftop. "I'm under attack," he yelled, crouching low, pivoting on one foot and raking a nearby rooftop with bullets.

Such patrols have prompted charges that the settlers are taking the law into their own hands. No one was hurt in Wednesday's clash, but there are fears that such incidents could lead to major bloodshed.

The trip's organiser, Bella Gonen, said the settlers began to organise patrols in April after losing faith in the Army's ability to end the 18-month Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule.

"The Army is becoming more like a group of United Nations observers," said Ms Gonen of Kiryat Arba, a settlement of 4,700 Jews which overlooks Hebron, a city with 50,000 Arabs. "They don't protect the Jews, all they do is separate the two sides."

Army officials have ordered the settlers to end their patrols in Palestinian areas. "It's illegal and each time the Army comes across such a patrol it's dispersed immediately," a spokesman said.

Israeli civilians, most often settlers, were involved in the shooting deaths of 19 of the 516 Palestinians killed since the uprising began. Twenty-two Israelis have also died, including six settlers.

Gonen said Kiryat Arab settlers began car patrols this week, which they officially refer to as "archaeological expeditions" to circumvent official objections.

Wednesday's patrol slowly cruised through the winding streets of Hebron for about a half-hour until the stone landed near Mishkan's car outside the Islamic University campus.

During the clash, Yaskov Ben-David, a tall, thin man in his 20s who is a Muslim convert to Judaism, carefully took aim before letting loose with a burst of three rounds. "They're rounding the stone wall," he shouted as he charged up a hill.

Other settlers stood behind him, firing their Uzis at the Palestinians who were running up the hill, behind a wall. Sharp pops could be heard as the bullets ricocheted off the stones.

The encounter lasted about three minutes after which the settlers withdrew to their cars and the Arab teens stood on a stone wall beyond gunfire range, chanting Palestinian slogans and flashing V-for-victory signs.

"The problem here is the media. If we chase them and run into their homes, the press will go crazy and attack us. We can't do anything here," said settler David Cohen.

Khaddafi seeks unity with Egypt, Sudan

ABU DHABI, June 17, (AP): Libyan leader Col Muammar Khaddafi was quoted yesterday as saying that unifying Libya, Egypt and Sudan as one country was a necessity.

"Egypt, Libya and Sudan are actually one country, and it is not only possible to achieve that, but it has become a must for these three states to unite in one country," Khaddafi said in an interview published in the Abu Dhabi-based daily newspaper Al Itihad.

Khaddafi has only recently begun patching up relations with Egypt after years of animosity, including a brief border clash in 1977. Prior to that he had pressed for merger with his neighbours in Egypt and Sudan, bilaterally and collectively, but each time the effort was short-lived.

In a three-hour interview which Al Itihad said was conducted in his tent outside Tripoli, Khaddafi also said he supported the present regional Arab groupings.

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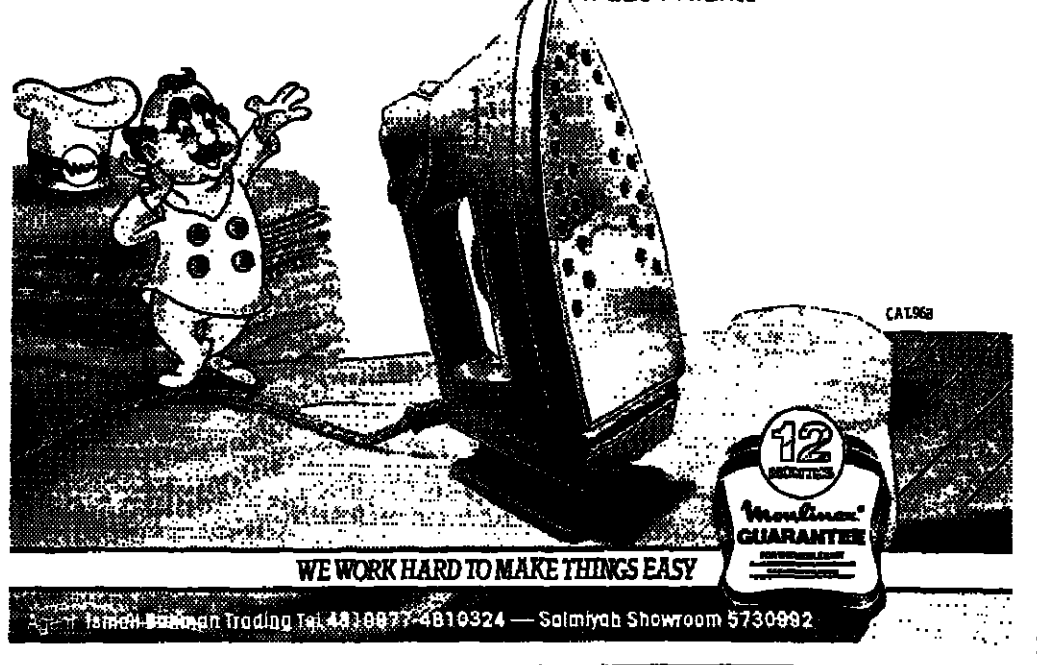
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Ethiopian minister tours Europe to promote peace plan

ADDIS ABABA, June 17, (Reuters): Ethiopian Foreign Minister Berhanu Bayeh left for a two-week tour of Europe today to muster support for the government's offer of unconditional talks to end the civil war in northern Ethiopia.

Berhanu told reporters he would visit Italy, Britain, Czechoslovakia and other countries he declined to name.

He said he would seek European support for the Ethiopian government's offer to hold unconditional peace talks with rebel

movements in its northern provinces of Eritrea and Tigray.

President Mengistu Haile Mariam announced the peace initiative on June 5, three weeks after an attempted coup by senior military officers seeking an end to the civil war, which has drained Ethiopia's fragile economy.

Although Mengistu offered to hold unconditional talks with the rebels, he made clear that he would not agree to their demands for

the independence of Eritrea, a former Italian colony on the Red Sea coast.

Rebels have fought for the independence of the former Italian colony since 1961.

The Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) has rejected Mengistu's peace plan as containing nothing new. But its ally, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) in the neighbouring province of Tigray, has offered to negotiate with the Soviet-backed government in Addis Ababa.

Kuwait committed to defeating apartheid

Statement in UN on Soweto Day

UNITED NATIONS, June 17. (KUNA): Kuwait voiced yesterday its continued commitment to helping the struggling majority in South Africa defeat apartheid.

The Kuwait government's statement was made on the occasion of the 13th anniversary

of the armed attacks by South Africa against demonstrating students on June 16, 1976, Soweto Day.

"Kuwait takes this opportunity to call on the international community, especially the Western countries, to stop its dealings with the South African

regime, and to impose military and economic sanctions as requested by UN resolutions until the regime ends apartheid and allow majority rule," the statement said.

The Kuwaiti government recalled that it has participated actively in every international

effort aimed at implementing the sanctions, and called on international public opinion to support it.

This was clear from Kuwait's role, as chairman of a task force of an intergovernmental group, in pressing for the strengthening

of the UN oil embargo against South Africa, the statement said.

"Kuwait will not spare any effort in fighting racism, apartheid or helping the black majority to achieve victory for

Thomas Pickering, the US ambassador, said as current president of the Security Council, "It is with deep regret that it

must once again be observed that South Africa remains intransigent and persists in its unjust policies in flagrant defiance of the council's resolutions.

10,705 new university students in 1989-90

A TOTAL of 10,705 students will be admitted at the Kuwait University and the colleges of Public Authority for Applied Education and Training during the academic year 1989/1990, a local daily quoted the Dean of Admission at Kuwait University Dr Mustafa Maarafi as saying.

He added that out of the above 15 per cent of the seats will be allocated for expatriates, GCC citizens and children of the diplomatic corps.

The scholarships scheme of the higher education authority will be announced during the forthcoming few days, the official said. He added that the scheme will offer necessary opportunities for a large number of students to benefit.

Students who failed to get admission in the university will have the opportunity to apply at the authority. He added about 3000-4000 will be admitted during the first semester.

Meanwhile, the Dean of Admission at Public Authority for Applied Education and Training Hisham Al Mutawa was quoted as saying that 8,630 seats will be allocated this year for Kuwaiti students and expatriates. A total of 3,900 students will be admitted in the first semester.

Education administration to be upgraded

KUWAIT, June 17. (KUNA): The Secretary-General of the Higher Education Council Dr Ibrahim Mohammad Al Khalili has said that the Council endorsed at its meeting on Wednesday a decision to upgrade administration in response to recommendations stated in the final report submitted by the Schooling Administration Committee set up by the minister of education.

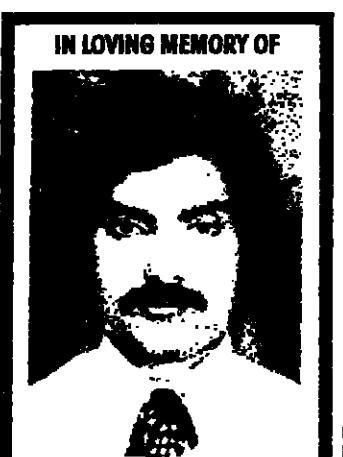
Speaking to a local daily he said that the report was presented for discussion at the meeting by the ministry's Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khodari, which called for the development of professional and administrative posts, enabling optimum implementation of the recommended working steps, time schedule and implementation approach, follow-up of field applications, monitoring of progress recorded and continuation of progress cultivation in light of accumulated expertise.

Implementation

The undersecretary elaborated on the philosophy of the proposed administrative reforms, the related professional feasibility, the projected obstacles, and possible solutions.

The project will be implemented directly through training courses, discussion seminars, and specialised workshops which could raise questions and issues requiring answers by all members of the council, Khalili said.

Lanka embassy
A press release from the Sri Lankan embassy in Kuwait has said that the embassy will be closed today, June 18, to mark the Posa, full moon Poya Day.



Alphonso Pinto
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Commercial cheating widespread: merchants

Market flooded with fakes

COMMERCIAL cheating has various subtle forms which makes it hard on officials and consumers to discover. But, it is a fact that the Ministry of Commerce has failed to prevent and detect commercial cheating.

Merchants stressed that Asian countries have invaded the Gulf with their fake products. On the other hand, consumers said they lack commercial awareness.

One of the employees at a local and foreign perfume shop stressed that commercial cheating has increased during the past five years. He added that exporters of perfumes developed sophisticated techniques of cheating, making it hard for officials to discover. He believes that Singapore is in the forefront of exporters that depend on imitations of genuine perfumes. He said that manufacturers were able to succeed despite the fact that the Ministry of Commerce imposes strict penalties on imitations.

Trust
Qasem Abdul Mehsin Ghaleb, an ardent perfume purchaser, said that it is hard on consumers to detect commercial cheating because they have similar features of genuine perfumes. He believes that the consumer should shop at pharmacies and trusted shops when buying perfumes.

Abdullah Issa, the owner of an ornaments shop, said that in the

past there were no commercial cheating operations because ornaments used to be imported from specific sources only, and within limits. Now it is different, he said, because merchants may receive goods from different sources and factories, the main reason why commercial cheating is now happening on a wider scale.

Deception
Maryam Fawaz said that many consumers may be deceived because they lack commercial awareness and due to the fact that they only concentrate on the origin of the product and forget about quality. She added that a clear and official decision must be made to prevent cheating incidents.

On the other hand, Mohammed Kareem, a salesman at one of the shoe shops pointed out the fact that there is no cheating in the sale of shoes. He added that consumers are now better acquainted to distinguish genuine from imitation shoes since they have had long experience with leather goods and manufacturing methods. He believes that cheating may be easier to detect in local cloth and fabrics market.

Trade marks
Yaseen Khaled, a salesman at a ladies shoe shop said that commercial cheating incidents were widespread during 1974. Changing trade marks on products was a common cheating method due

to the absence of censorship and consumer awareness. He believes that it is hard now for exporters to put imitation trade marks on products because of the stricter measures taken by the Ministry of Commerce, in addition to the regular inspection on shops, and production resources.

Awareness
Faisal Jaber Alfeef, one of the consumers said that consumers are the ones to be blamed for their ignorance. He added that most consumers may put their trust into well known international trade marks despite the fact that these trade marks may be imitated. He pointed out that such cheating incidents may occur on a larger scale at shops which deal with well established international trade marks.

Fatema Fouda urged consumers to buy locally made products to avoid falling into the trap.

Ezdehar Musa Abu Shanab stressed that consumers have now overcome commercial cheating and imitation phenomena. She added that some consumers may prefer tailored clothes to avoid being cheated. She said due to economic stagnation people have resorted to buying cheaper products even though they know that they are fakes. The continuation of commercial cheating is caused by consumers who keep on buying imitations, Shanab added.

Teacher assault rampant: official

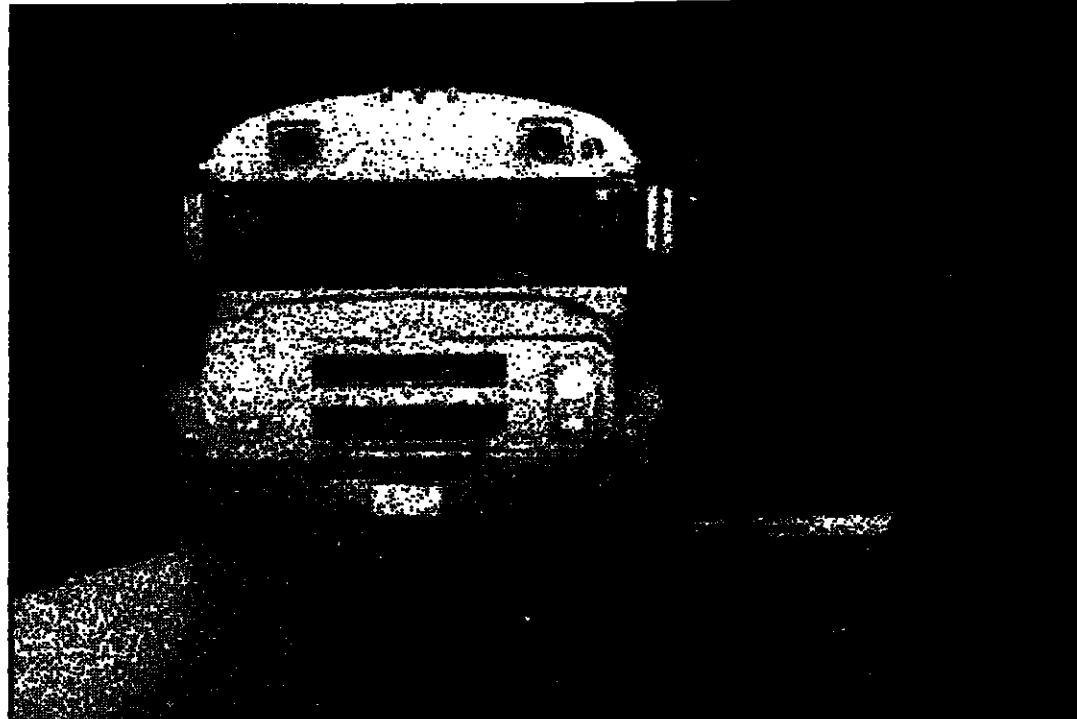
THE director of the Jahra educational area Sulaiman Al Koh has said that teachers have nowadays been frequently the object of assault and therefore their status is not to be envied.

He told a local daily that extra special attention must be accorded to students aiming to join the teaching profession. The selection process should consider character, mental presence and other personal features, in order to ensure that they will be able to handle the difficulties and responsibilities associated with his profession.

"Optimum social reform depended heavily on the calibre of teachers to whom we could entrust our children," Koh said. He added that those who would not perform their duties optimally could very well have negative effects on the teaching profession and ultimately on the students.

The prevalence of private lessons is due to the common encouragement of tutors by students and their parents, and the failure of school teachers to establish positive communication channels with their students.

The Kuwait Teachers Society is endeavouring to identify the various problems facing teachers with a view to finding effective solutions, through organising open meetings for teachers with senior ministry officials, Koh said.



Over the barrier

A bus which was being driven at high speed on the Sixth Ring Road, jumped over the concrete barriers usually put at the sides of roads for construction purposes. Bad weather and darkness did not allow the bus driver to see the barriers. (Picture by Ahmad Bourini)

Summer clubs open June 20

THE Ministry of Education Summer Clubs, on June 20, will commence receiving students interested in practising different types of cultural, scientific, practical, social, sports and religious activities.

The director of the School Activity Department at the Ministry of Education, Khaled Al Harban said that 43 clubs will open this summer (22 clubs for boys, 21 for girls and 2 for special schools).

In addition to their essential duties the clubs will provide students with work opportunities at government and private establishments. Students chosen for summer training at establishments will be paid honorariums for their work. HH the Amir will also distribute cash prizes among distinguished club

members and winners of different contests. Additionally two trips will be provided at the expense of HH the Amir to Saudi Arabia. One of the trips will be for girls and the other for boys to perform Omra rituals.

Transportation
Interviewed by a local daily, Harban called upon private establishments to provide students with working opportunities. He added that work is being carried out to establish a girls club in each area and to increase transportation facilities. He pointed out that transportation for club members will be free of charge and that computers will be utilised in summer clubs in the near future.

Fire department ready for summer

Fire outbreak chances high

LT. COL. Khaled Yousef Al Qabandi, director of Public Relations and Follow-up, and head of Legal Affairs at the Kuwait Fire Department, has said that the department's fire brigade is fully prepared to handle any emergency during the summer to handle any emergency during the summer season with efficiency and skill.

He told a local daily that chances of fire outbreaks during the summer were high due to the incredibly high temperatures which greatly affect uncovered stored material where cooling systems were scarce. He called for effective protective measures to prevent the occurrence of such mishaps.

Demand
The department's fire staff is always at a high-level of preparedness during the summer season. It increases its fire-fighting equipment and replenishes its various fire-fighting centres and brigades with needed staff and machinery to cope with the high demand, the official said.

Qabandi added that the department is always ready to handle all types of fire emergency all the year round, and that it had staff specialised in putting out fires in various marine, civil, oil and other national work sites.

He also said that the department continually organises training courses to raise the fire-fighting skills of its staff and training them in the use of modern fire-extinguishing techniques and technologies.

Short circuits
A total of 2,367 fires were put out by the department personnel over the last year and that the majority of these incidents were caused by electrical sparks or short-circuits, while fires caused by children came second.

He attached great importance to the role of the public media in raising public consciousness about the ways to avoid the destruction and loss of lives and money caused by fires, stressing the need for a special educational subject about fires to be introduced into the syllabus of existing students education.

Wheat experiment assessment after three seasons

THE chairman of the board and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij Al Sabah has said that cultivating wheat attempt in Kuwait has been experimented over an area of 600 hectares and yielded 1550 tons.

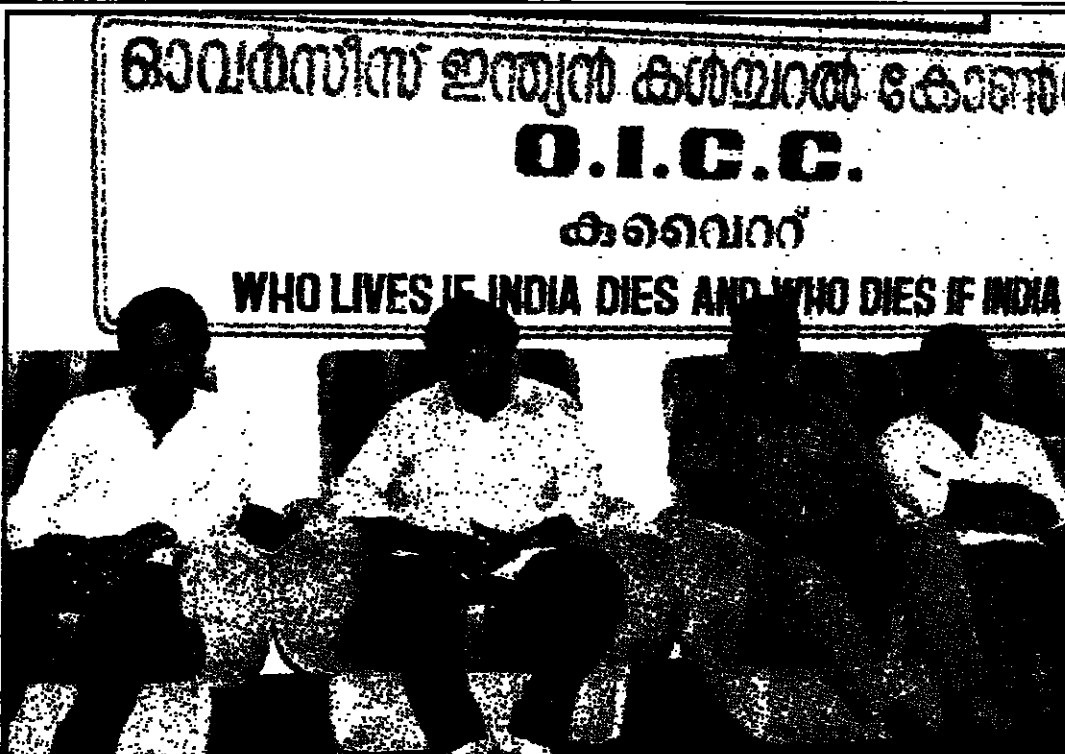
He told a local daily that the initial indications of the attempt were positive, but the final assessment would have to wait till after three growing seasons.

He said that despite the existing disadvantages of the local

soil, each planted 1000 sq metre could yield 250 kilos, which proved that with further improvement of the soil care technique better results could be obtainable.

Duaij pointed out that the authority is also planning to grow barley, being a major animal food, and that special studies and surveys had been conducted to identify lands suitable to implement the authority's projects.

Landscaping
The authority sponsored a plan for landscaping some roads



New OICC office bearers

AN executive committee meeting of the Overseas Indian Cultural Congress was held under Nalinakumar, Vice-President of OICC on June 16. The ad hoc committee has been dissolved and new office bearers have been unanimously elected.

The new office bearers are G. Sasidharan Nair, President, Nalinakumar, Secretary, Ali Alvi, Vice President and P. Rajeev, Treasurer.

The working committee comprising Rajan Daniel, Stephen Joseph, Vijayabhanu, Mohan Das, Vijayumar, G. Sasidharan Nair and Nalinakumar as also

been unanimously elected.

The meeting eulogised the eminent success achieved on the volleyball tournament conducted as part of the Nehru Centenary celebrations.

As per the earlier decision, the meeting also nominated Rajan Daniel (General Convener), K.P. Balan (Convener) and Vijayabhanu (Committee Member) in order to co-ordinate and implement the blood donation programme as early as possible. Pictured here are (from left) Nalinakumar, Sasidharan Nair, Ali Alvi and P. Rajeev.

FLASSIK visit jailed Filipinas

By Orgullo de Mindanao

DESPITE Kuwait's fierce sandstorm last week which kept a lot of people indoors, the Filipino Ladies Association in Kuwait went on undeterred to visit the Filipinas detained at the Dahiya Abdulla Al Salem police station. They brought with them basic necessities and food for the detainees some of whom are awaiting repatriation to the Philippines while others are to be transferred to Sulabiya Central Prison pending processing of their cases. The jail visits rank among the priority welfare projects of FLASSIK '89.

Meanwhile, FLASSIK wishes to extend their heartfelt and deepest gratitude to the doctors, nurses and auxiliary staff of Mubarak Al Kaber Hospital's Intensive Care Unit and female surgical ward for the excellent and compassionate care they extended to Marilani Omran, a Filipino domestic helper who underwent a series of life-saving operations after she suffered extensive injuries at the hands of

her employer. FLASSIK's Hospital Co-ordinating Committee has been periodically visiting Marilani as she struggled vainly for her survival during the almost 2 months of confinement.

The Philippine Embassy's Welfare Office together with FLASSIK and the generous assistance of the Filipino community led by the different leaders of its civic organisations in Kuwait will co-ordinate efforts in the repatriation of Marilani's body. The members of the Filipino population in Kuwait have pooled their resources in order to make sure that Marilani has a decent burial.

This unfortunate incident saddens the hearts of the Filipino residents in Kuwait. Marilani's fervent dream was only to save enough money to purchase farm implements for her husband who did not approve of her departure for Kuwait. This tragic reality is but one of the many unhappy experiences of domestic helpers forced to leave their country because of the Philippines' economic hardship.

Check on imported herbs

BAHRAIN'S Ministry of Health will ensure strict control on imported herbs for the sake of the safety of citizens and to avert their exposure to any hazards which may arise due to the use of such herbs, the Bahrain based daily Al Ayam quoted an official as saying.

The head of Pharmacy and Medicine Control at Bahrain's Ministry of Health Sawwan Abbas said some of the imported herbs were mixed with chemicals, and pointed out that reports issued recently by World Health Organisation (WHO) have disclosed the perils of such herbs and its dangerous side effects.

Abbas said that WHO's reports were based on reports issued by scientific institutions in Germany, Switzerland and France. The relevant reports stated that these herbs had caused incurable diseases in some people, the official said.

She added that WHO had seized big quantities of herbs imported from South Eastern Asia and Europe. These herbs were found to be mixed with hazardous chemicals.

Abbas indicated that Bahrain's Ministry of Health does not mind herbal treatment since scientific experiments have shown most herbs contained effective pathological materials.

New speedier system for national housing applicants

THE director of the Follow Up and Rented Houses Department at the National Housing Authority, Sobhi Yusef Al Mulla has stated that the department has started the utilisation of a new system in receiving applications and distributing popular houses at all locations.

In an interview with a local daily, he added that the department's future plans emphasis on developing work and playing a more effective part in providing petitioners speedier service to eliminate the need to

come to the department several times.

The department's new system utilises the facsimile to receive applications from outside offices on houses handed in by owners located in Jahra, Sulabiya and Umm El Haiman.

Service bureau

The department will open a new citizen service office that will receive all petitioners paper work and follow them up with internal offices. Petitioners then have to

wait inside a specific hall until paper work is completed. The director described this new facility as a transformation towards streamlining work procedures and enhancing services to citizens.

He added that the department will conduct a comprehensive review of all services to prevent mistakes which may be committed by employees during work, and specially applications presented concerning popular houses. Applications have

been sorted and classified according to years so it will be easier for employees to process with area codes.

Mulla explained that the department is currently getting ready to use computers in day to day operations. He stressed that the Follow Up and Rented Houses Department has established a complaints box to enable citizens air their suggestions and views towards the level of services the department can provide.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri audience

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today received His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Jaber.

Amiri cable

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): His Highness the Amir today sent a cable of congratulations to Iceland's president on the occasion of her country's national day.

Premier's audience

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received at his diwan in Bayan Palace president and members of the International Authority for Zakat (alms) on the occasion of the convocation of the second seminar on Zakat contemporary issues in Kuwait.

The meeting was attended by Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalid Ahmed Al Jassar.

HH also received outstanding students who passed the Higher Secondary School Certificate examinations for 1988/89 with distinction.

Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri was present at the audience.

Ministers received

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah today received at his diwan in Bayan Palace Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah Al Salem, Public Works Minister Abdul Rahman Ibrahim Al Houti, Electricity and Water Minister Hamed Abdulla Al Rqobah and Higher Education Minister Ali Abdulla Al Shamlan.

Sheikh Saad also received State Minister for Cabinet Affairs Rashid Abdul Aziz Al Rashid, Finance Minister Jassem Mohamed Al Khorafi, Kuwait's Ambassador to Washington Sheikh Saoud Nasser Al Sabah, Member of the Higher Planning Council Mohamed Sabah Al Salem, Member of the Higher Council for Housing Hamed Abdul Salam Shuaib and Sheikh Bassim Salem Al Salem.

Defence reshuffle

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): The Defence Minister, Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed today passed a decision to reshuffle the ministry's administrative structure and introduce a new department to monitor administrative development.

The minister, in announcing the decision, told KUNA that the new department, to be headed by one of the assistant undersecretaries, is to launch training courses organised by it or in co-operation with Employees Diwan to elevate competence of Kuwaiti youths and achieve their ambitions.

Sheikh Nawaf noted that the development falls in line with civilised status of Kuwait under the leadership of HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier.

Shamlian visit

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): Minister of Higher Education Dr Ali Al Shamlian will leave tomorrow for Jordan in response to an invitation by head of the Royal Centre for Islamic Civilisation.

The minister will attend the centre's seventh conference which will be held on June 19-23. In the meantime Dr Shamlian received Finland's Ambassador to Kuwait Esko S. Kunnamo and discussed with him the cultural co-operation between the two countries.

Power meeting

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): Electricity and Water Undersecretary Abdulla Mohammed Al Menayes flew to Riyadh yesterday to take part in meetings with his GCC counterparts.

He said in a departure statement the meeting of the preparatory committee of GCC Electricity and Water Undersecretaries will discuss experts' reports on a plan to link the six GCC countries with a power grid.

Unifying other standards of electric power and water in the member states, will also be discussed, he said.

The findings will be reported to the GCC electricity and water ministers when they meet later this month, he added.

Interior warning

AN official source at the Ministry of Interior Public Relations Department cautioned land travellers not to use dark glass panes for their cars' windows. The source added that some countries like Iraq ban the use of such type of glass. The source advised drivers not to use such glass in order to avoid being fined.



Outstanding students honoured

HH the Amir yesterday received Education Minister Anwar Al Nouri who introduced to HH the outstanding students in the secondary schools certificate examinations.

During the reception HH decorated the students with medals and distinction certificates, urged them to keep up the good work and wished them success to serve their country and to continue such efforts even after graduation from universities.

Protection for erring physicians

Medical malpractice draft law under study

THE Ministry of Public Health is preparing a draft law to establish medical insurance to cover costs of compensation that might be awarded against doctors who have committed medical mistakes, a medical official said.

Dr Abdullah Al Rifai, director of Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisations said that the ministry has empowered him to contact authorities in the UK to study the modalities of the medical insurance scheme as practised there. The British authorities have expressed their willingness to assist Kuwait in this respect, he added.

Elucidating, he said that the ministry has also contacted some national insurance companies. These companies have been provided with a list of physicians in Kuwait (2,850) and medical malpractice cases that were reviewed by the courts against the ministry during the last ten years.

The official hoped that the draft law of medical insurance will be issued during the coming months. He also stressed on the importance of establishing an independent organisation that will cover the costs of medical errors.

Rifai said that advanced countries in the world have insurance systems designed to protect physicians and health bodies from malpractice cases. In the UK every doctor is obliged to contribute to the medical insurance system.

Kuwait is yet to develop an insurance system of this kind to protect doctors and at the same time draw up a set of laws that protects the rights of patients.

The insurance system envisaged for Kuwait will cover costs of professional errors in treating patients. However, such insurance will not cover errors of negligence, the official said.

Presently, the Ministry of Public Health bears all costs awarded by courts against erring physicians. However, this facility does not cover nursing staff. All physicians in Kuwait have welcomed and encouraged setting up the medical insurance system as their contributions to the scheme are not expensive.

Meanwhile, the head of Kuwait Medical Society Dr Abdullah Al Rashid said that his society was the first to call for determining a system to protect physicians against mistakes. He added that the society set up a committee to study the medical insurance systems in the world and to contact the national insurance companies. The number of cases instituted against doctors to obtain medical damages has increased and has now made it imperative to devise a protective system, the official said.

The society will not accept membership of physicians unless they contribute to the medical insurance system.

The director of Infection Prevention Department of the Ministry of Public Health and head of surgical section at Sabah Hospital Dr Sadeed Sabri said that medical insurance system will cover a gap in the present labour system. He also criticised the action to bring a physician before the court without a medical defence committee to defend him. He added that sometimes physicians are obliged to operate on patients without getting prior approval of their families in urgent cases. Some of their relatives reject this procedure and complain against physicians who operated and ask for compensation. He added that a patient has the right to ask for compensation if he suffers from complications caused by a medical mistake. But the physician also has the right to be protected because he does his best and makes all efforts to save the life of his patient. He called for an urgent implementation of the insurance system.

But, he added that the system will open the door for patients to ask for compensations which threaten the positions of doctors. He added that the applications for this system should go along with application of a law preventing lawyers from getting money for medical cases. This system is applied in West Germany, he said. He called to study and review the proposed insurance system carefully.

Pharmacists

Meanwhile, the head of Pharmacists Society, Mohammed Al Nikhailan has supported the idea of allowing pharmacists to enjoy the proposed insurance system against medical mistakes. He added that pharmacists commit unintentional errors the same as physicians. The medical insurance system was not reviewed by the Pharmacists Society and focuses on covering the mistakes committed by physicians only, he said.

Kuwaiti pilots seek licence insurance

CHAIRMAN of the Kuwaiti Pilots and Aviation Engineers Association, Capt. Mukhlid Al Sawagb said that Kuwaitis form 98% of co-pilots, 50% of pilots and 55% of aviation engineers working with the KAC. He added that the Kuwaitisation process at KAC has been very successful and there are increasing number of Kuwaitis joining this profession.

Speaking about the achievement of the association, Sawagb said that the major achievement was the success in making KAC count each year of service for the pilots and engineers as one and a quarter years. He said that this system was abolished in 1977, but the association succeeded in restoring it in March this year.

On the major concerns of the Kuwaiti pilots Sawagb said that the losing of the pilots licence any time is the major threat for pilots. He said that as pilots are required

to pass special tests from time to time, any pilot that fails in those tests may lose his licence and is converted into an ordinary employee.

He said that to avoid losing the licence, pilots must be insured with an insurance company. Such companies are present outside Kuwait and they need at least 150 pilots to accept them. He added that the number is available but the problem is that some of the pilots consider insurance as not allowed in Islam. To overcome this, the association asked the Ministry of Awqaf for a Fatwa (religious ruling) on the matter, a reply is still awaited.

He said the association has been discussing the possibility of creating a fund for the association members of pilots only. The pilots will require to pay a monthly fee to the fund which will then compensate any pilot on losing his licence.



Thief arrested

Ahmedi detectives arrested yesterday, Mohammad Z., a Jordanian national for stealing KD1,310 from Fintas Co-operative Society. The robbery was reported last week. The thief guided the police to the place he had hidden the money. He was referred to relevant authorities for further investigations.

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Philippine facets at fiesta

Independence day celebrated

By Jadranka Porter
Arab Times staff

THE Filipino community in Kuwait celebrated their independence day last Friday with a show that portrayed their history and folklore but above all conveyed the sense of humour and joie de vivre that won Filipinos the reputation as one of the most fun-loving nations in the world.

Scores of Filipinos, engineers, nurses, accountants, hairdressers, salesmen and others sang and danced in a Fiesta Filipiniana '89 which gave the packed hall at the Meridien an insight into what makes this nation tick.

The programme, organised by the Filipino Cultural Club and supported by the embassy and a score of sponsors, featured different facets of the Filipino diverse culture. The music, for example, came from Chinese gongs, Spanish guitars and tribal sticks. Costumes at one moment unmistakably oriental turned into nineteenth century Spanish country folk dress only to be replaced by ethnic splashes of colour and simplicity.

A pantomime provided a satirical view of the history of the country once ruled by Spaniards, Americans and the Japanese. The parade of oppressors culminated in the appearance of "the Marcoses" with "Imelda" using her fan effectively to strike the heads of her subjects.

There was more humour in the scenes that portrayed the courtship and eventual wedding of a village youngster and his sweetheart, whose over-protective mother interferes with the romantic union.

But the show largely owes its success to the Filipino's love of and talent for music and dance. They have a remarkable ability to slide from a waltz step into a rural dance and into a disco rhythm. If not always highly professional the dancers were graceful and uninhibited.

Particularly attractive and amusing was the performance of the Filipino national dance called "Tinikling" which requires dancers to step between bamboo poles manipulated at floor level with an ever increasing speed.



Bearers carry a star performer in a Muslim ritual dance.



A couple strikes a pose at the end of a Spanish-style dance.

It was evident that a lot of effort and time went into the most striking feature of the



Filipinas perform the Maranao Fan Dance.

programme was that no matter how well they performed the Filipinos enjoyed every song they sang and every step of the

dance they performed. It is to their credit that they successfully communicated their joy to the audience.

Poland offers business projects

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): Poland has offered Kuwait a number of joint ventures in the food processing, oil industry and tourism fields and is eager to sign soon two accords with Kuwait on protection of investments and ending double taxation, according to a Kuwaiti official today.

Minister of Commerce and Industry Faisal Al Khaleel, who returned yesterday from a five-day visit to Warsaw, said today that during meetings with several Polish officials, including Prime Minister Mieczyslaw F.F. Rakowski, the Polish side offered a number of projects for Kuwaiti financing, including food processing, oil industry, tourism and hoteliering.

The Polish prime minister, Khaleel added, expressed great interest in developing all round co-operation with Kuwait, particularly in the trade and economic fields, in accordance with the understanding reached during his recent visit to Kuwait and his talks with Kuwaiti Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah.

Finance

During his official visit to Warsaw, made at the invitation of Minister for External Economic Co-operation Dominik Jastrzebski this June 10-14, the Kuwaiti official said the Polish side had shown interest in expanding co-operation with Kuwait in the financial services sector in line with the planned reform measures affecting economic performance and the new political orientation.

Poland also wishes to increase its presence in the Kuwaiti and Gulf markets, either by undertaking some local development schemes or in the services field by supplying trained hands in the health, computer, technical services and the electricity and water spheres, he indicated.

Official calls for amendments in Minors Law

DIRECTOR of the Minors Welfare House, Mohamad Razouki described the Minors Law of 1983 as a positive step towards legally and socially treating problems of youths and teenagers. But he added that through practice, a number of articles in the law need to be amended.

He said that the law does not exactly specify the duties of the juvenile officials. The law has only given them the right to apprehend, interrogate and refer the juvenile delinquents to courts.

He proposed that the Juvenile Police Authority be extended to include guarding them outside and even inside the welfare house when needed. He added that the law differentiates between minors below 15 and those over 15 years old.

According to the law, minors over 15 and below 18 years old who commit a crime punishable by law to death or life sentence, should be jailed for a maximum period of 10 years. Razouki said that through practice, some minors, who only were less than 15 years by a few days, took part in the crimes with those over 15 years.

Those under 15 years are not punishable like their counterparts. He proposed that those who are under 15 must also be penalised.

He proposed stricter penalties on minors, mostly jail sentences as fines will be paid by their fathers and this may encourage them to repeat their crimes. He added that there are many jail sentences with the provision of paying fines to suspend the term.

Homosexuals

He added that although the law punishes persons who encourage minors to commit crimes, this clause is not truly implemented. He said that he noticed through practice and dealing with minors cases that although there are a large number of such persons

who encourage minors to commit crimes, the clause concerning this is not implemented.

He also called for adding a new article in the minors law to punish homosexual minors, particularly those who offer themselves. He said that there is no article in the law to punish minor homosexuals who offer themselves, because they are considered to be victims.

Razouki said that this section must be strictly penalised as they form a degenerate element to others. Laws must include penalties against this group to reduce the effect of this problem, he stressed.

Run-aways

He added that according to the law, prosecution can detain the juvenile delinquent for a period of one week and the judge can order his detention, if necessary, at the welfare house for a period of one month which can be renewed.

He said that the law thus kept the period of detention open, which has adversely affected the condition of the minors. This made them try to run away from the house which thus added new crimes to their records. He said that in some cases, minors were kept for periods over 6 months and in others for a period of 11 months.

He said that such cases are more relevant with minors who infiltrated into the country. They simply intend to commit problems to prolong their stay. He called for finding a suitable place for detaining minors under 15 years, who are charged of illegally infiltrating into Kuwait.

Razouki proposed that the detention periods should be minimised, particularly for illegal infiltrators and that their cases must be settled within a month and should be deported.

Three years for trading in alcohol

KUWAIT'S Criminal Court sentenced a Thai to three years in jail with hard labour and a Pakistani to two years with hard labour to be followed by deportation for jointly distilling and selling alcohol.

The court heard that a security undercover agent managed to get the Pakistani partner who was in charge of commercialising the products, to sell him a bottle of home-made alcohol for KD20,000.

Police arrested the man during the trade at the carpark of a co-operative society. The man admitted during questioning that he had a partner in this illicit business.

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Tough debate on NATO arms cut

Fine-tuning Bush's proposals

By Charles Aldinger

US Defence officials say it could be two years or more before any tanks are cut up for scrap in Europe despite soothing public statements from the White House and the Kremlin on East-West military cuts.

A NATO group is now fine-tuning President George Bush's proposal for force cuts in the region, a plan scheduled for the negotiating table in September. But officials say tough debate still lies ahead before such plans can be put into practice.

"Public hopes go way up with early signs of progress. But there are tough negotiations between proposals and agreements," said one of the defence officials who travelled to Brussels with US Defence Secretary Dick Cheney last week.

"Talking parity is especially tough. Each side wants to be sure that a small mistake in a weapons category doesn't give the other a key advantage," said another official.

Cheney himself told reporters returning from the NATO defence ministers meeting with him on Friday that combat aircraft were an especially delicate issue.

"Aircraft are clearly a difficult subject to deal with, both within the alliance and (with) the Warsaw Pact," he said.

Proposals from Bush and from Moscow are close in some respects in that NATO and Warsaw Pact tanks would be cut to a total of 20,000 on each side and armoured personnel carriers would be cut to 28,000 a side.

Reduce

Artillery would also be reduced to about 16,500 pieces a side, although there are differences in the way that the two sides count such weapons. NATO counts only pieces of at least 105mm, while the other side adds in smaller weapons.

"The Soviets are, indeed, making major concessions in the area of tanks and other equipment," said one Pentagon official, noting the current NATO count of over 50,000 Warsaw Pact weapons in Europe.

"But aircraft could be a major sticking point," he said.

Bush's proposal, which has

been generally endorsed by NATO and will be presented to the Warsaw Pact when talks resume in September, would leave a total of about 4,600 combat aircraft and 2,300 military helicopters on each side.

The United States says the East bloc now has about 8,000 combat aircraft, excluding trainers, and that the West has about 5,400 aircraft. It is not clear whether the Western count includes trainers.

Dispute

"But the Soviets are sure to dispute the numbers. They do not want to count defensive fighters as combat aircraft subject to cuts," said one US official.

The Soviet Union also wants to limit so-called dual-capable aircraft (those that can deliver both nuclear and conventional weapons) to 1,500 on each side.

But the West wants no such limit, saying that the cuts should be taken anywhere from the total number of warplanes.

Cheney also told reporters the United States was determined to protect the dual-capable fleet of Britain and France, forces that the Warsaw Pact would like to see sharply reduced.

The Soviet Union, anxious to slash its military budget, is expected to be willing to accept Bush's offer to pull 30,000 US troops out of Europe in return for a Soviet pullout of 325,000 troops. That would cap superpower levels in Europe at 275,000 each.

"But we are not just talking about troops here," said one US official. "We are talking about a very complicated overall package."

In Brussels, NATO officials said the high-level conventional arms study group met initially last week and will meet at least once a month during the summer to fine-tune Bush's offer.

The numbers that will be presented to the East bloc negotiators are unlikely to specify which NATO countries will give up which aircraft.

That, no doubt, will be the subject of a fight within the alliance itself because many smaller countries are reluctant to give up US-made F-16s or other aircraft that they see as key home defence forces.

(Reuters - Washington)

Letter to the editor

Shock dismissal

Sir: The news of the sacking of the Philippine ambassador to Kuwait is a shock of the highest order.

As a Filipino public servant, the honourable ambassador tried his utmost to serve us Filipinos here in Kuwait. At any time, in our darkest hour, he did his best to defend our honour, and the integrity of our country and people. His example is worth emulating.

I should like to call the attention of our president, Her Excellency President Corason Aquino to form a committee to investigate this shocking affair.

Rosano Feliciano,
Hawaili.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1757 — Holy Roman Empire forces defeat Prussia's king Frederick II at Kollin, Czechoslovakia, and he loses 13,000 of his 33,000 troops.
- 1779 — French forces take St Vincent in West Indies.
- 1812 — United States declares war against Britain.
- 1815 — British under Duke of Wellington, and Prussians under Gerhard von Blucher defeat France's Napoleon Bonaparte at Waterloo.
- 1823 — King John VI annuls Portuguese constitution of 1822 after uprisings against his rule and the loss of Brazil.
- 1881 — Germany, Austria and Russia sign secret alliance, "three emperors' league," for three years.
- 1940 — Germans capture French port of Cherbourg in World War II.
- 1952 — British plan for Central African Federation is announced.
- 1953 — Egypt is proclaimed a republic with General M. Naguib as president. South Korea releases 26,000 non-communist North Korean prisoners.
- 1961 — Three princes of Laos meet in Zurich, Switzerland, and agree to form coalition government to unite the war-ridden kingdom.
- 1965 — Air vice Marshal Nguyen Cao Ky assumes office as premier of South Vietnam and vows to spur war against Viet Cong.
- 1968 — Britain's House of Lords rejects Labour government's sanctions against Rhodesia.
- 1975 — Slayer of Saudi Arabia's King Faisal is publicly beheaded in front of government palace in Riyadh.
- 1985 — US space shuttle discovery, with Saudi Arabian prince Salman aboard as passenger, launches a satellite for Arab world.
- 1987 — Israel condemns decision by pope John Paul II to grant audience to Austria's President Kurt Waldheim.
- 1988 — Turkey's Premier Turgut Ozal is wounded slightly by gunman as he addresses party convention in Ankara.

Deep-rooted divisions surface after Soviet withdrawal

Tribal, religious differences split mujahedeen

By Jeremy Clift



An Afghan couple leads doves outside Mazar-e-Sharif mosque, one of the main Shiite shrines in Afghanistan. (Reuters wirephoto)

ABDUL KUDUS sits on his bunk, with books on Marx and Lenin at his bedside and a poster of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev staring down at him from the wall.

A Kalashnikov rifle which belonged to a dead colleague hangs from a hook over the bed, adorned with a wreath of fading flowers.

Up a makeshift wooden ladder, a soldier swivels a Soviet-made anti-aircraft gun as he surveys the parched plain around the northern Afghan city of Mazar-e-Sharif, casting a wary eye towards the majestic hills in the distance.

Abdul Kudus is part of a six-man unit of hand-picked special guards, the majority members of the communist-based People's Democratic Party of Afghanistan (PDPA), manning one of a chain of watchtowers protecting the approaches of the city from mujahideen rebel attack.

The conical three-storey towers made of baked mud give the city the look of an unfinished medieval fortress, contrasting starkly with the lines of MiG fighters lined up at the Afghan air base nearby.

Unlike several other of the main Afghan towns such as Jalalabad, Herat and Kandahar, the city of Mazar-e-Sharif, close to the border with the Soviet Union, is relatively quiet, with only sporadic mujahideen guerrilla attacks.

But its kaleidoscope of ethnic groups and feudal allegiances highlight the deep tribal and ideological divisions which block peace in Afghanistan despite the Soviet pull-out.

"We get the occasional rocket attack, but nothing big for some time," says Abdul Kudus.

In fact there is no need for us to attack as they are often busy with each other," says the 37-year-old father of five with a chuckle, referring to the mujahideen in the hills.

Mohammad Issa Musfeg, another PDPA soldier interviewed by a group of journalists on a recent visit, was at a slit-trench emplacement further along the rim of defences. He said the fighting in the hills was mostly between rival Muslim groups of rebels.

He identified them as the fundamentalist Jamiat Islami group and the Harakat Islami, a north Afghan-based group which is linked to Iran.

While the Muslim mujahideen (holy warriors) are united in their hatred for the now departed Soviet troops and for President Najibullah's PDPA, which they hold responsible for a war which has cost a million lives, they are divided by a host of religious and ethnic loyalties which make peace difficult to achieve.

The ruling PDPA is split as well into rival factions which have restored to open conflict in the past, and remain divided on the extent of concessions needed to end the war, according to diplomats in Kabul.

Operates

An eight-party Afghan rebel coalition operates out of Iran and has refused to join an interim government set up by the Pakistan-based alliance of seven rebel groups.

The objectives of the groups range from restoration of the monarchy to establishment of an Islamic fundamentalist state in landlocked Afghanistan.

While the Soviet troops were in Afghanistan the mujahideen were united in their "jihad" or holy war against the non-Muslim infidel.

The Soviet withdrawal has turned the conflict much more clearly into a civil war between the PDPA government in Kabul and fundamentalist-dominated guerrillas.

Half the Afghan government forces now facing the rebels in strategic centre like Kabul, Jalalabad and Mazar are PDPA. Members like Abdul Kudus who know that defeat could mean death.

The PDPA government is held responsible by its opponents for the arrest of thousands without trial, and for the use of torture and secret executions.

President Najibullah, the former head of the Afghan secret police, has offered a ceasefire and peace talks to the rebels, but they have refused suggestions of power-sharing, saying they will not form a coalition with communists.

Offered

The President has also offered local mujahideen commanders autonomy in the districts they control if they stop fighting, recognising that Kabul's writ has never extended into the remote tribal valleys in many areas of the mountainous country.

But the shape of any future peace negotiations remains confused, and the rebel demand that Najibullah should step down is a stumbling block.

He has launched a new drive to try to persuade more than five million refugees in camps in neighbouring Pakistan and Iran to come home now that the Soviet forces have gone.

"We will share our bread with you," he said in a broadcast.

But according to foreign aid officials, only a few families are coming back. "Others prefer to wait and see. This thing's still not finished," said one official with the United Nations in Kabul. (Reuters - Afghanistan)

Dispute over Chinese dissident

US trying to dim spotlight on Fang affair

By Carol Giacomo

THE United States is desperately trying to dim the public spotlight on its dispute with China over dissident Fang Lizhi, believing a solution would be easier in the shadows of private diplomacy.

US officials and private analysts alike say the diplomatic confrontation over Fang — who has taken refuge in the US embassy in Beijing — has already damaged US-China ties and a compromise becomes more remote each passing day.

Spokesmen for the White House and the State Department at daily news briefings now provide only the barest details on Fang, such as confirming his continued stay at the embassy.

"The more it's out from under the klieglights (spotlights), the more this will contribute to getting it resolved," said a senior US official who asked not to be identified.

Fang, an astrophysicist, and his college professor wife Li Shuxian, fled to the

embassy after Chinese troops massacred pro-democracy demonstrators on June 4.

He is a well-known campaigner for human rights and political reform and has long been a thorn in the side of China's communist government, which barred him from attending a dinner for President George Bush in Beijing last February.

After troops backed by tanks drove demonstrators out of Tiananmen Square, China issued an arrest warrant for Fang and his wife and denounced them as counter-revolutionaries — a term tantamount to traitor in China.

In the view of many China analysts, the authorities would execute Fang if they captured him.

Washington's dilemma is crystallised this way: it had no choice but to harbour Fang, a symbol of courage and free-speech principles Americans hold dear. But it might have erred, as some critics say, in publicly admitting Fang was at the embassy and thus making it impossible

for Beijing to ignore the situation.

"Once we got asked by reporters about him, what could we do?" the senior official asked rhetorically during an interview on the Fang matter.

The United States, now in the role of Fang's protector, has accused Beijing of murdering its own people in the military drive that cleared Tiananmen Square. Washington imposed limited sanctions on China as a result, mainly confined to interrupting military sales.

Target

The United States in turn has become the target of heated Chinese government denunciations as ties between the two countries deteriorate.

Most Western analysts fault China for inflaming the dispute by issuing a formal warrant, televising his photograph and denouncing him in broadcasts and newspaper.

Andrew Brick of the Conservative Heritage Foundation suggested the case has allowed Beijing to use the United

States as a whipping boy on which to blame the democracy protests.

He also speculated in an interview that China might try to strike a deal, granting "Fang safe passage to another country" — the United States agrees not to cut off economic credits.

A State Department Asia expert rejects the notion China deliberately sought a confrontation with Washington over Fang.

Washington said it was more plausible that senior leader Deng Xiaoping cracked down on Fang because the dissident embodied a threat to the country's stability and the reform efforts Deng fought so hard to advance.

Deng believes the fate of the country is imperilled, "this China-watcher said in an interview."

US officials have been actively pursuing a negotiated solution and one proposal involves China's allowing Fang and his wife to live in a neutral third country, at least temporarily.

A senior US official expressed optimism this week the case would be resolved soon without violence. Like a Chinese assault on the embassy.

But there has been no hint a deal was imminent despite a series of meetings between State Department and Chinese officials. Many analysts say the impasse could linger for months, even years.

"It could easily be months," the State Department Asia expert agreed.

Secretary of State James Baker and top aides were said to be thoroughly briefed on the potential long-term nature of the dispute before Fang was granted refuge. They evidently knew what the United States might be getting into.

There is precedent for such cases. The most prolonged involved Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, a Hungarian who fought against the Nazis and communists and lived from 1956 until 1971 in the US mission in Budapest before he was allowed safe passage to Italy. (Reuters - Washington)

Difficulties at home for both leaders

Gorbachev, Kohl bask in summit glow

By Mark J. Porubcansky

MIKHAIL S. GORBACHEV'S four-day visit to West Germany was enveloped by good feelings and kind words that will be difficult to translate into personal political gain.

Both the Soviet President and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl face an array of domestic difficulties that cannot be washed away by several days of high-profile meetings.

Although Gorbachev's great popularity abroad adds to his personal prestige and the status of the Soviet Union, it has not touched the fundamental problems that trouble millions of Soviets — a lack of food and consumer goods, housing shortages and stifling bureaucracy.

Kohl's Christian Democratic Union Party has experienced setbacks in state elections over the past two years, losing control of most major West German cities. The chancellor's standing with voters plummeted when he was accused of mishandling recent controversies, such as the disclosure of a West German role in a Libyan chemical weapons plant and the inter-NATO furor over short-range nuclear weapons.

The summit produced a historic joint declaration of goals for easing tensions in Europe and boosted trust and confidence between Soviets and West Germans.

But the visit was devoted mostly to creating a positive atmosphere and skirted sensitive issues that continue to divide the two countries, like the future of divided Germany and differing approaches to disarmament.

After years when their tottering leaders were an embarrassment to many people, Soviets have become accustomed to seeing foreign crowds cheering Gorbachev. He remains popular with Soviets, but many are beginning



Helmut Kohl (left) and Mikhail Gorbachev.

to question when and if his reform policies will improve living standards.

While he was away, other Soviet officials were struggling with what has become a chronic problem — an outbreak of violence between ethnic groups, this time in the central Asian republic of Uzbekistan.

Although the reasons are not clear, some have blamed an economic collapse brought about by overcrowding and unemployment.

During his four days in West Germany, the Soviet leader continually stressed the theme of co-operation with West Germany. If the two countries do co-operate more closely in the

future, it could help the Soviet Union in two ways.

First, a lessening of military tension would allow the Soviet Union to turn more of its industrial potential to producing consumer goods. Gorbachev has said that he needs a lessening of international tension to devote more resources to the ailing domestic economy.

During a speech to leaders of finance and industry in Cologne, Gorbachev invited their participation in converting defence industries. That offers another avenue to improving the Soviet economy — increased investment by West German business.

West Germany is the Soviet Union's largest Western trading

partner, and businessmen showed the Soviet leader a dazzling array of high technology during his visit.

But Gorbachev was careful to stress that he was not coming to West Germany as a beggar. He emphasised co-operation with West Germany, proposing to merge the Soviet Union's abilities in basic scientific research with German technology for the benefit of both sides.

Kohl's problems among West German voters are of an entirely different nature, but no less threatening to his political future.

His party currently polls less support than the leftist Social Democrats and runs the risk of losing the next national elections in December 1990.

Kohl's slide was arrested somewhat after the high-profile visit two weeks ago of US President George Bush, with whom he was frequently photographed during a summit that lasted less than two full days.

Bush came to West Germany immediately after the NATO summit in Brussels on May 29-30, at which Washington and Bonn were able to mend fences after a months-long dispute over when and whether to negotiate with the East bloc on reducing short-range rockets.

Having salvaged a compromise from a confrontation that threatened alliance unity, Kohl was riding high during the Bush visit. His three seasons with Gorbachev also likely boosted his prestige.

Ralf Fuecks, a leader of the far-left Greens Party, remarked after the Soviet summit that "Chancellor Kohl had tried to sun himself in Gorbachev's glow."

The effects should be apparent this weekend. (AP - Bonn)

Symbol of German hopes

By Tom Heneghan

TO the crowds of West Germans chanting "Gorby, Gorby" wherever he went, Mikhail Gorbachev has emerged as the symbol of hopes that his country has long held but never dared to think could ever come true.

The Soviet leader, recently on his first official visit, has yet to unveil the blueprints for his "common European home" to show where and how each country fits into it.

But his tantalising hints that Europe will have open borders and no nuclear arms has been enough to make him by far the most popular politician in this country, victim of the cold war and bristling with NATO's front-line defences.

Gorbachev's appealing vision of a new era in Europe comes at a time when West Germany, now 40 years old, has begun questioning the almost self-effacing role it feels it has played in NATO and the European Economic Community.

Without giving up those ties, a more self-confident Bonn now sees ways to rediscover Germany's traditional role as a bridge between Western and Eastern Europe.

The attention it has received from Gorbachev, the world leader who seems to most support this vague new role for West Germany, has been a heady brew for a country which long felt it was an economic superpower but a political dwarf.

"Suddenly, the Germans feel freed of the terrible burden of the cold war," the Stuttgarter Zeitung wrote in an editorial.

"He (Gorbachev) is a visionary," the Munich daily Sueddeutsche Zeitung proclaimed.

"Like other visionaries — like Pope John XXIII, Khrushchev, Kennedy — he owes his popularity and credibility to people's yearning for a better and more humane world."

These outbursts of enthusiasm, seen both in the crowds thronging to see him and the editorial columns of the country's most serious newspapers, are more than simple "Gorbymania," foreign diplomats say.

"They are still burdened down by a lot of baggage from World War II, especially the division of the country, and would like to find some way out of this corner."

"Gorbachev seems to them to hold the key to returning West Germany to a normal status."

The problem that nobody has yet solved is how to define what a normal status can be for a divided country that many neighbours — including its "other half" in East Germany — do not want to see reunited.

Newspaper editorials in Washington, London and Paris have warned recently about a newly self-confident West Germany, suspecting it offer of neutrality for a chance at reunification.

To these critics, Bonn's stubbornly dovish stand against a new generation of NATO short-range nuclear missiles, an issue that almost spoiled the alliance's 40th anniversary summit last month, is a sign country's strategic thinking.

Diplomats here, including those from the countries whose commentators have been so shrill, take a less worried view. (Reuters - Bonn)

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Market turns mixed

Value, volume indices surge

THE Alshail Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 37.72 points with a slight decrease of 0.32 point — 0.8 per cent — from last week's average. The Alshail Index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 69.02 points with an increase of 0.13 point — 0.19 per cent — for the same period, according to Al Shail weekly market report.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 18.51 million shares at a daily average of 3.70 million shares with an increase of 4 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 3.56 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 5.74 million shares at a daily average of 1.15 million shares with a decrease of 22 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.48 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD7.06 million at a daily average of KD1.41 million, an increase of 10 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.28 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.232 million at a daily average of KD0.046 million, a decrease of 15 per cent from last week's daily average of KD0.054 million.

The market showed signs of overall mixed performance. Both value and volume indices in the Kuwaiti shares market showed signs of high performance while in the non-Kuwaiti market the signs were low, however the price index did not show much change.

The volume of trading was very weak at the first half of the week while it gained some activity in the second half.

These mixed performances of the market cannot be appropriately justified but "we believe that there are attempts trying to remedy market weakness with activation."

Market dealers and investors are still waiting for the new expected decisions to be officially declared, however, "We believe that this will not happen during this present month. Meanwhile, even if new policies were introduced, this would affect the market in the short run, and could affect it positively in the long run only if it proves feasible as time passes."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector led at 57 per cent of total trading against 66.5 per cent last week.

Both the National Bank of Kuwait and the Gulf Bank led at 26 per cent followed by the Commercial Bank at 19 per cent.

The investment sector came second at 15 per cent, of which National Investments led at 80 per cent followed by Kuwait International Investment Co. at 11 per cent, and Kuwait Investment Projects at 7 per cent.

Third came the services sector at 14 per cent of total market trading of which Kuwaiti commercial markets led at 74 per cent followed by Mobile Telephone Systems at 23 per cent and Public Warehousing at 3 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain and Middle East Bank led at 35 per cent followed by Umm Al Qun Cement at 25 per cent and Bahrain International Bank at 20 per cent.

Kuwait shareholding companies Index

	14/06/89	07/06/89	Change
Banking Sector	110.06	110.06	—
The National Bank	31.48	31.92	-0.44
The Gulf Bank	22.83	23.27	-0.44
The Commercial Bank	31.29	31.79	-0.50
Al Ahli Bank			

Bank of Kuwait & M. East	30.97	30.50	0.47
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	28.29	29.14	-0.86
Burgan Bank	26.53	27.06	-0.52
Kuwait Finance House	76.62	77.45	-0.82
Investment Sector	48.71	48.03	-0.32
Kuwait Investment Co.	17.81	17.81	—
Kuwait Int. Invest. Co.	11.34	11.34	—
IFA	31.62	31.62	—
Commercial Facilities	112.75	114.13	-1.38
National Investments	63.73	66.67	-2.94
Kuwait Investment Proj.	91.01	92.13	-1.12
Insurance Sector	31.86	32.27	-0.42
Kuwait Insurance Co.	33.49	34.09	-0.60
Gulf Insurance Co.	24.62	24.62	—
Al Ahleia Insurance Co.	48.80	48.80	—
Warba Insurance Co.	58.42	62.71	-4.30
Real Estate Sector	34.98	35.53	-0.55
Kuwait Real Estate	16.57	16.82	-0.25
United Realty	5.58	6.14	-0.56
National Real Estate	35.83	35.83	—
Pearl of Kuwait	69.05	69.05	—
Industrial Sector	16.49	16.85	-0.37
Kuwait Cement Co.	11.59	11.59	—
Refrigeration Indust.	79.06	83.45	-4.39
Gulf Cables	110.87	109.73	1.13
Kuwait Pharmaceutical	73.78	73.78	—
Services Sector	29.98	30.13	-0.15
Kuwait Computer Co.	159.84	159.84	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Public Warehousing Co.	68.69	69.70	-1.01
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	37.75	37.29	0.46
Mobile Telephone Syst.	285.71	285.71	—
Food Sector	55.04	55.21	-0.17
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	30.51	30.51	—
United Fisheries	10.62	10.34	0.28
Kuwait United Poultry	84.34	84.34	—
Kuwait Food Co.	66.67	66.67	—
Overall Index	35.78	35.68	0.10
Non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies Index	37.72	38.04	-0.32

	14/06/89	07/06/89	Change
First Gulf Bank	223.68	223.68	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	88.28	88.28	—
Bahrain M. East Bank	96.17	96.17	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	78.10	78.10	—
Arabian Bank. Inv. (SHUAA)	47.73	47.73	—
Umm Al Qun Cement	14.25	14.25	—
Gulf Medical Projects	21.15	21.15	—
Total Index	69.02	68.88	0.13

—Base period 31/12/1983.
—All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

Sharp rise in Japanese banks' assets: study

NEW YORK, June 17. (KUNA): A ranking of the world's largest banks shows that Japanese institutions were even more dominant in 1988 than the year before.

Japanese banks claimed the first eight positions when measured in terms of assets, two more than a year before, according to the tally published yesterday by Institutional Investor (II), a financial monthly.

Norinchukin Bank of Japan, ninth last year, climbed to seventh place, and Tokai Bank jumped seven pegs to emerge number 8.

Displaced were Crédit Agricole of France, which fell from sixth to ninth, and New York-based Citicorp, which descended three notches to finish tenth.

The top spot on II's list of the World's 200 largest bank was held by Dai-ichi Kangyo Bank, with 1988 assets of \$352.7 billion, compared with \$270.7 billion the year before.

Second-ranked Sumitomo Bank's assets added up to \$334.8 billion, compared with \$265.3 billion, while Fuji Bank, in third place, reported assets of \$327.9 billion, compared with \$256.0 billion.

The only non-Japanese banks among the big ten were ninth-ranked Citicorp of the United States, with assets of \$210.7 billion, and Citicorp of the United States with \$203.8 billion in assets.

The only Arab banks to make the list were Rafidain Bank of Iraq, listed in 72nd place with \$58.0 billion in assets, Arab Banking Corp of Bahrain, in 191th place with \$19.1 billion in assets, and, last on the list, National Commercial Bank of Saudi Arabia, for which no 1988 assets figures were available. Last year the bank reported \$18.7 billion in assets.

Designed to make banks more prudent, the regulations are putting the Japanese banks at something of a disadvantage.

Maxwell to invest \$100m in Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, June 17. (Reuters): British publisher Robert Maxwell is ready to increase his investments in Israel by \$100 million, Finance Minister Shimon Peres said today.

Maxwell, a Czechoslovak-born Jew and ardent Zionist, already has investments totalling more than \$78 million in Israel, currently undergoing what Peres calls a worrying recession.

"He is ready to invest some \$100 million more," Peres said on Israel radio.

Maxwell paid \$9 million in July last year for a 30 per cent stake in Israel's Maviv evening newspaper. He bought a \$30.4 million share of the Teva Drug Company and put \$39 million in the Scitex Computer Graphics firm this year.

Editors at the Jerusalem Post expressed relief in April when Maxwell failed in a bid for the English-language daily. Staff feared he would change its liberal stance and limit editorial freedom.

Maxwell lashed out at Maviv a month earlier for reporting that Israeli Intelligence Services told the cabinet it has no alternative to negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Organisation if it wanted peace.

Maxwell called the story rubbish and said he would have all newspapers in his chain publish prominent statements saying it was a lie.



Underground drivers stage strike

A commuter on rollerskates dodges and swerves through heavy downtown London traffic on Friday after the city's underground drivers staged their sixth one-day strike in two months. The unofficial strike was a taste of worse to come. The underground drivers plan another strike next week at the same time as a national strike on the state-owned British Rail system. (Reuters wirephoto)

Share scandal

Brazil's bank chief quits

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 17. (Reuters): The president of Brazil's Central Bank and the head of Rio's Stock Exchange are resigning in the wake of a stock exchange scandal which has rocked the country.

Central Bank president Elmo Camoes told reporters yesterday he would offer his resignation to President Jose Sarney on Monday.

The bourse scandal has caused large debts for a stock broking firm owned by Camoes and run by his son.

Camoes said: "Even if I can solve the problems of the broking firm, I would not feel comfortable in my job."

Rio Stock Exchange chairman Sergio Barcellos

also resigned yesterday as a result of the scandal caused when Lebanese-born investor Naji Nahas failed to pay brokers last week.

Nahas' failure to pay left several broking firms with debts. Three have been reported to the Central Bank after failing to pay up and may be closed.

Officials said many more firms were affected. There is no official estimate of the size of debts left by Nahas, but exchange sources said it could be around 200 million cruzados (\$148 million at official rates).

A sharp fall in share prices after the scandal broke has caused further losses for brokers and investors. Yesterday shares fell around 10 per cent and blue-chip oil stock petrobras dropped 31 per cent to 3,600 cruzados (\$2,666 at official rates) per share.



Black South Africans rally against apartheid in Soweto township's Regina Mundi church, on the 13th anniversary of the start of an anti-government uprising which cost at least 600 lives. (Reuters wirephoto)

S.African blacks show industrial muscle

Holiday agreements help reduce tension

JOHANNESBURG, June 17. (Reuters): Tens of thousands of South African blacks have shown growing industrial muscle by securing paid leave to commemorate the 1976 Soweto uprising.

Employers' groups said that this year for the first time many white-owned companies gave blacks a day off yesterday to allow them to honour the most important day in the anti-apartheid calendar.

Police shot dead more than 600 people 13 years ago to crush a student revolt in Soweto, the country's biggest black township.

The white minority government has refused repeated demands by the black majority that June 16 be made a national day of remembrance.

Many of those awarded a day's paid leave were members of growing black trade unions were still outlawed at the time of the revolt. Black unions were legalised only in 1979.

They were among more than a million blacks estimated by employer groups and trade unions to have stayed away from work.

Political analysts said June 16 holiday agreements between employers and workers had helped reduce tension in the townships on what has been an occasion for bloodletting in previous years.

Law and Order Ministry spokesman Leon Mellet said the anniversary of the Soweto shooting had passed very quietly.

Police reported isolated petrol bombings and stone throwing attacks on vehicles in the industrial heartland around Johannesburg. They said a man was stabbed to death in Guguletu town-

ship near Cape Town but there was no word on whether the killing was linked to political unrest.

In Soweto 4,000 blacks gathered in a church to sing freedom songs and shouted for the release of jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela. Police moved in after the meeting and used whips to disperse youths near the building.

"If that is what the workers want, employers are increasingly inclined to go along with it," said Vincent Brett, spokesman for the Association of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, one of the country's biggest employer groups.

"If companies refuse to listen to black demands about June 16 workers see them as being in league with apartheid," said Barbara Beste of the premier group, a food and consumer products conglomerate.

Plan to expand trade ties

Iran signs gas deal with Bulgaria

NICOSIA, Cyprus, June 17. (AP): Iran's Oil Minister Gholamreza Azgashadeh said today that his country has signed a 20-year agreement to export 1 billion cubic metres of natural gas annually to Bulgaria starting next year, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Azgashadeh made the announcement upon his return from a four-day visit to Sofia. He said that gas exports to the Soviet Union at an average of 3 billion cubic metres per year would begin on March 22, 1990, IRNA said.

It quoted him as saying that the agreement with Bulgaria was a barter deal. In return, Iran will import chemical fertilizers, paper, PVC, tyres and products needed for rebuilding the Aبادan petro-

chemical plant, which sustained heavy damage in the 8-year Gulf war.

Last month another long-term trade agreement was signed in Tehran between Iran and Bulgaria, increasing the current trade annual ceiling of \$600 million to \$1 billion by the year 2,000.

Iran has announced that it will sign a number of other long-term trade deals with the Soviet Union and Hungary.

Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani said in a disclosure earlier this month that Ayatollah Khomeini had urged better relations with the Soviet Union before he died June 3.

Rafsanjani was scheduled to visit the Soviet Union, Hungary and Bulgaria later this month.

Key world oil price tumbles

LONDON, June 17. (Reuters): The world benchmark North Sea crude oil price was down just a dollar per barrel in London yesterday at the end of the first full trading week since OPEC announced its latest market support agreement.

Traders still viewed the June 7 accord by the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries as flawed and a possible recipe for production free-for-all.

North Sea Brent blend, a widely traded crude which many sellers use as a reference price, changed hands in Europe yesterday for \$16.12 per barrel.

The price at the end of last week, just after news broke of the OPEC agreement in Vienna, was around \$17.15.

Business in the spot market was thin late this week, partly as European traders waited to see where US prices would go after what they called a one-off rally in New York futures.

Although the world market is adequately supplied with crude oil at the moment, US refiners have been scrambling to get hold of their favourite local grade — West Texas Intermediate.

That sent New York July futures for WTI briefly above \$21 per barrel on Thursday. The contract sank to around 20.25 yesterday.

Traders said the real issue is what happens to OPEC output in July, the first effective month of the organisation's new pact.

OPEC set itself a ceiling on total allowed supply of its crude oil after July 1 of only 19.5 million barrels per day, well below the 21 million which the market is absorbing now.

The official OPECNA news agency carried messages of support from Mexico and China, two non-OPEC members which say they have been curbing their exports to help stabilise prices.

KD deposits

KUWAIT, June 17. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates today extended a steady climb in the shorter periods in response to a tight Central Bank policy that has been draining liquidity from the market, dealers said.

However, they said that in spite of there being few funds on offer, rates in the longer periods had eased.

For the last several weeks, the Central Bank has been offering treasury bills at up to one point higher than in previous weeks, leading to a steady rise in deposit rates.

Qassem opens stock exchange

We're aspiring for development: minister

MANAMA, Bahrain, June 17. (AP): Commerce Minister Habib Qassem opened Bahrain's first official stock exchange today and 12,000 shares changed hands in the first half-hour of dealing.

Despite the modest beginnings, Bahrain hopes that it will become the Wall Street of the Gulf region in a few years. The island state is already the region's offshore banking and services centre.

Qassem, accompanied by exchange director Fawzi Behzad, government officials and business community leaders, declared the start of dealing in the marble-floored exchange chamber in Bahrain's banking district.

He noted: "I hope activity will be marked by continuous advancement."

Qassem, who heads the Stock Exchange Board, told a news conference later: "We're aspiring for development and expansion... we're very optimistic."

"This is a very good rate, a good omen," said market monitor Ibrahim Janahi as he recorded the initial deals on a wall-length blackboard listing 29 Bahrain-registered companies.

They have 4.4 billion shares between them with a combined

nominal value of \$1.6 billion.

The market will operate from 9.30 am to 11.00 am (0630-0800 GMT) every day except Fridays, the Muslim holiday.

Bahrain is a member of the Gulf Co-operation Council which also groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

These states, emerging from recession, are seeking to attract back wealth accumulated during the oil boom and invested overseas. These holdings are estimated at some \$150 billion.

The Gulf states are also seeking to break their dependence on oil exports and diversify their economies with the help of the private sector.

GCC nationals are allowed to deal on the market. The ceiling for shareholdings by citizens on one member state in companies of another increased this year from 25 to 49 per cent.

Qassem noted that the new stock exchange "is but the first stage of a laid-out programme."

The government would soon allow trading in treasury bonds and seek to create new instruments of investment to develop the market, he said.

Qassem noted: "Bahrain is for the entire GCC... we hope the

Gulf investor will be there."

He said studies were under way for going beyond GCC's borders to expand the international business in Bahrain's stock exchange.

"Our aim is to develop to what is bigger... it's premature to say when, but it's coming," he stressed.

Bahrain has been planning the stock exchange for years. The delay was attributed in part to government concern about mapping out strict rules that would avoid a repetition of the collapse of Kuwait's unofficial Manakh exchange in 1982.

"The stock exchange is welcome because it organises dealings for us. The rules they have laid down disarms cheaters and market speculators," businessman Abdel Rahman Mohammed Jamashere told the Associated Press.

The Bahrain exchange statutes fix a limit of a 15 per cent swing in single-day share movements.

Jamashere, who like other businessmen was only "having a look on the first day," noted that the first dealings on the exchange would have been higher but for an extensive volume of shares changing hands in auction shortly before the inauguration.

'Most expensive maid'

Entrepreneur charges \$1,000 to clean executives' desks

CHICAGO, June 17. (AP): Jeff Meyer bills himself as the most expensive maid in the nation. Business executives actually pay him \$1,000 to tell them how to clean off their cluttered desks.

"I go into an office and it looks like the desk was in the spin cycle of a washing machine," says the 39-year-old Meyer. "And when we're done, it's like the tight deck of an aircraft carrier."

Over the past five years, Meyer says his one-man company, Mayer Enterprises, has cleaned and reorganised the offices of 700 executives in the Chicago area. He has gathered enough theories and techniques about office organisation to fill a book, so he's writing one.

But are his lessons worth \$1,000?

Barry Wolf, owner of Communications Research and Development in Chicago, swears his money was well spent.

"About three years ago, I realised my office was just piled high and very disorganised and time was getting tighter and tighter," said Wolf. "So out of the blue he calls and says, 'how would you like to get your time more organised?'"

Problem

"So he got my life organised," Wolf recalled. "And my office is still as neat as a tack."

Wolf said executives face the same problem — a limited amount of time to get a lot of

work done.

"If \$1,000 buys you an hour a day and you can make money during that hour, you bet it pays," said Wolf.

Mayer's formula for clutter-busting is simple. (executives: pay attention and save \$1,000).

He has the executives make a master list of things to do, an inventory of all unfinished work. He does it by sorting through the papers piled on a desk one by one. If the paper needs to be saved it goes into a file, otherwise it gets pitched.

To Mayer, stacks of papers represent wasted time and wasted money.

"If you ask them about it, they say if they see it, they'll remember to do it. But it gets buried and they don't see it

anyhow," Mayer said in an interview earlier this week.

He meets with the executives for two sessions of two hours each.

"At the end of two hours, there's a list one or two pages long," a handful of file folders we've made and there's probably two garbage cans filled with junk," said Mayer.

Patricia Wier, president of Encyclopedia Britannica, concedes she had doubts when she hired Mayer, but concluded his techniques really do work.

She said his system was so simple she should have thought of it herself.

"But the fact is, I didn't," she said. "I was so impressed, I sent him to four or five other executives in the country."

Interest rates on interbank KD deposits rise

Money supply growth quickens further

FROM the data contained in the CBK Monthly Monetary for March 1989, several developments can be noticed, among them the continued growth in money supply for the fifth successive month and the continued rise in interest rates on interbank KD deposits in the money market, in addition to the performance of the KD exchange rate which remained relatively stable against major currencies.

Furthermore, the aggregate balance sheet of local banks realised growth at a rate (0.8 per cent) higher than the rate (0.3 per cent) of its growth in the previous month.

In March 1989, the Central Bank of Kuwait continued its issuance of public debt instruments. Meanwhile, the Decree Law No.13 of 1989 was issued, raising the previous maximum limit of public debt from KD1400 million to KD3000 million.

Money supply growth quickened in March 1989 — for the fifth successive month — by KD16 million (0.3 per cent) over the previous month. This growth in money supply resulted from an increase of KD26 million in its KD components against a decrease of KD10 million in deposits denominated in foreign currencies.

Furthermore, the growth of money supply in March 1989 was caused by the increase in currency in circulation by KD14 million (4.1 per cent). It can be

noted that the private sector deposits at commercial banks increased by KD2 million as a result of the performance of various types of deposits. Excluding a slight decline (0.3 per cent) in time deposits, sight deposits, savings deposits and certificates of deposit grew by 1.7 per cent, 0.7 per cent and 66.7 per cent respectively over the previous month.

Interest rates on interbank KD-deposits rose in March 1989 on all maturities at rates of 13.80 per cent (from 7.99 per cent to 9.09 per cent) on one-month deposits, 13.08 per cent (from 8.12 per cent to 9.18 per cent) on three-month deposits and 11.73 per cent (from 8.23 per cent to 9.20 per cent) on one-year deposits.

It can be noted in March 1989 the rates of increase in interest rates on KD deposits in the money market exceeded the rates of increase in interest rates on deposits denominated in foreign currencies (dollar) narrowing markedly interest rate differentials on the KD and US dollar from 1.5 percentage points in the previous month to 1.1 percentage points in March on three-month deposits and from 1.6 percentage points to 0.9 percentage points on one-year deposits, for example.

In March 1989 the average US dollar exchange rate ranged between 287.33 fils and 290.58 fils, an average of 289.02 fils against 287.84 fils in the previous month.

Excluding this slight decline in the KD exchange rate against the US dollar, the

KD exchange rate rose against the major currencies (except for a slight decline against the French franc and the Deutsche mark) at rates ranging between 1.4 per cent against the pound sterling and 0.1 per cent against the Italian lira.

It can be said that the KD performance against these major currencies during March 1989 was more stable than the US dollar's performance against the same currencies because the US dollar exchange rate rose at rates higher than those of the KD exchange rate against these currencies.

Within the framework of the programme of public debt instruments the Central Bank of Kuwait offered five issues of treasury bills in March 1989 (from issue No.41 to issue No.45) totalling KD550 million.

Meanwhile, for issues of treasury bills (issues No.30, 32, 34 and 35) matured during this month at a value of KD400 million.

On the other hand, issue No.8 of treasury bonds, totalling KD79.5 million, also matured. Thus, the outstanding balance of public debt instruments at the end of March 1989 increased to KD1465 million (against KD1394.5 million in the previous month), KD1000 million for treasury bills and KD465 million for treasury bonds.

On the other hand, and within the con-

text of the interbank secondary market of public debt instruments in March 1989, the operations of the Central Bank of Kuwait in this market (buying and selling public debt instruments) raised the Bank's portfolio of public debt instruments (from both primary and secondary markets) by KD245.2 million, totalling KD585.7 million against KD340.5 million in the previous year.

In this connection, the Decree Law No.13 of 1989 was issued on March 12, 1989, raising the maximum limit of public debt the government is authorised to conclude under Decree Law No.50 of 1987 from KD1400 million to KD3000 million, an increase of KD1600 million above the previous maximum limit.

The aggregate balance sheet of local banks (commercial and specialised) in March 1989 grew by KD93 million (0.8 per cent) over the previous month to reach KD12,407 million.

Among the most important developments in this balance sheet on the side of assets, it is noted the rise of KD23 million in local assets and KD70 million in foreign assets.

This growth in local assets came as a result of an increase of KD201 million in interbank deposits, credit facilities and balances with the Central Bank, against a decline of KD178 million in local investments.

Sterling sustains further losses

US consumer prices soar

EARLIER gains in dollar market were entirely eroded by week-end with substantial profit taking and market speculators fearful of a "bull trap" being orchestrated by significant central bank intervention. Consequently the dollar ended the week little changed on last week's ranges, according to NBK weekly market review.

Trade data was as anticipated narrower on the month although not enough to overwhelmingly satisfy the markets. The CPI figure confirmed last week's PPI trend rising higher than market expectations. Bonds and equity markets alike suffered on a weaker dollar and diminished belief of near term Federal Reserve easing.

The dollar ended the week at DM1.99 and Yen 145.3.

Housing completions rose 7 per cent in April to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.555 million units from 1.453 million units in March. This followed a 9.8 per cent decrease in March from February and was considerably higher than the 2.3 per cent forecast.

Retail sales increased 0.1 per cent in April. This was lower than the 0.3 per cent rise anticipated. The year on year rise was 5.2 per cent.

Current account deficit rose in the first quarter a slightly less than expected \$30.69 billion from \$28.68 billion in the fourth quarter of 1988.

Merchandise trade shrank by 13.4 per cent in April to \$8.26 billion in line with projections. Exports increased on the month by 0.8 per cent to a record \$30.57 billion whilst imports fell 2.6 per cent to \$38.84 billion. March numbers were revised upwards to \$9.5 billion.

Capacity utilisation for May was a slightly higher than anticipated 83.8 per cent compared to 84.1 per cent in April and 83.8 per cent in March.

Industrial output was unchanged in May following a 0.6 per cent increase in April and a 0.1 per cent rise in March bringing the year on year rise to 3.9 per cent. The market was expecting a 1.1 per cent rise.

M1 and M2 — These two main US monetary aggregates showed

their largest monthly drop this decade in May when M1 fell \$9.7 billion to \$773.5 billion whilst M2 dropped \$8.3 billion to \$3,072 billion.

Consumer prices increased a larger than anticipated 0.6 per cent in May bringing the year on year rise to 5.4 per cent.

Housing starts for May were 1,311, being 2.1 per cent lower on the month and 5.8 per cent down on May 1988. This was the fourth consecutive monthly fall and was the lowest monthly rate since December 1982.

The report said indicators this week support "our prime scenario of an ultimate slowdown to economic activity. However, there continues to be plenty of evidence that the economy is sufficiently robust to see inflation higher before subsiding. Consequently the Federal Reserve will continue its "wait and see" attitude to policy and with a meaningful relaxation to its present monetary stance still some way off. Arguably this could see a short-term period of consolidation for both equity and bond markets alike. Against the batch of economic data releases this week there is little for next week that would significantly move the market. Therefore a consolidation phase for the dollar is also anticipated."

However "we still maintain that despite decisive and shrewdly timed intervention by the central banks there is sufficient dollar market purchases to restrict a sharp downside for the US unit."

Trading ranges for the coming week are: DM1.96-2.01 and Yen 142-147.

Sterling sustained further losses over the week with the bear phase reinforced. To a large extent the markets discounted the numbers that came in this week, which continued to evidence upward inflationary trends, and were more concerned that foreign exchange policy appears to be in disarray.

Whilst the prime minister tried to appease the markets by reiterating her support for her chancellor and commitment to the prime objective of reducing inflation, there still appears to be little consensus between the two

on the methodology of achieving this. Consequently sterling derived only a fragile support.

Anticipation of the possibility of higher interest rates moved both equity and bond markets lower. Sterling ended the week at £/S1.53 and DM3.06.

PPI output for manufactured goods increased in May a provisional 0.3 per cent giving a year-on-year rise of 4.9 per cent. This compares with a 0.5 per cent rise in April and was slightly below the market forecast of 0.5 per cent.

PPI input rose by an adjusted 0.7 per cent against a revised 1.7 per cent in April, being 7.9 per cent higher on the year. This was marginally higher than the market forecast.

Retail sales provisionally increased 2.5 per cent in May following a 1.4 per cent drop in April. This was considerably above the anticipated rise of 0.5 per cent. The year on year rise was 4.1 per cent.

Average earnings as expected rose an underlying 9.25 per cent in the year to April which was unchanged from March.

Current account deficit fell to a slightly higher than forecast £4.8 billion in the first quarter following a gap of £5.6 billion in the fourth quarter of 1988.

Data releases this week provided ample ammunition for the inflationary pessimists. The year on year retail price index at 8.3 per cent has yet to peak with average earnings continuing to exceed 9 per cent whilst with unemployment at a nine year low, labour constraints are likely to sustain the trend.

Inflationary expectations will continue to fuel higher wage demands plus growing industrial unrest concerns of a wage-price spiral are reinforced. Should sterling continue under severe attack, interest rates may still have to go even higher.

Evidence of economic slowdown and lower price rise will be necessary before the authorities reverse policy. This is unlikely to take place for quite sometime.

Sterling markets will continue to be jittery and we still believe that we have yet to see the bot-

EEC seen set to outlaw insider trading from mid-1992

BRUSSELS, June 17, (Reuters): Insider trading, using unpublished information to buy or sell securities, would become an offence throughout the European Economic Community by mid-1992 under an agreement which diplomats expected to be reached on Monday.

The diplomats said yesterday it was almost certain that a majority of the bloc's 12 finance ministers would approve the ban at a meeting on Monday in Luxembourg.

Insider trading is already outlawed in all EEC countries except West Germany, Italy, Belgium and Ireland, but officials say there are wide differences in the rules.

The EEC measure, all but finalised by national experts in a series of gruelling negotiations over recent weeks, establishes common minimum standards beyond which member states will be free to enforce tougher legislation if they want.

It also foresees close co-operation between member states to bring insider traders to justice.

Each country will set its own penalties for offenders.

The directive, part of the EEC's drive to create a unified market by the end of 1992, aims to give investors confidence that Europe's securities markets operate fairly and efficiently.

However, existing legislation in the United States, Britain and France has not prevented a series of insider trading scandals in those countries.

If agreed on Monday, the directive would have to be examined by the European Parliament before ministers adopted it definitively, probably towards the end of the year.

British officials said the definition of what constituted insider trading and insider traders had been narrowed compared with original proposals to meet British concerns that it would be too broad to be enforceable.

This removed the danger, voiced by London's financial community, that people who worked as securities market makers or share researchers and analysts could be considered offenders simply because they possessed information about a company in which their firm traded.

Spain joins EMS

Monetary unionists get boost

BRUSSELS, June 17, (Reuters): Spain's full membership of the European Monetary System from Monday gives a practical and psychological boost to closer economic and monetary co-operation favoured by most European Economic Community members.

But monetary experts say it is unlikely to persuade British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to drop her strident opposition to even a hesitant first step towards the goal of European monetary union.

Finance Minister Carlos Solchaga's surprise last night announcement that the peseta would enter the EMS's core exchange rate mechanism leaves Britain isolated as the only large EEC economy still outside the grid of semi-fixed currency rates.

Monetary experts have no doubt the decision was timed to exert maximum pressure on Thatcher to soften her rejection of any significant tightening of economic and monetary co-operation at the Madrid EEC summit in nine days' time.

Solchaga admitted as much when he described the peseta

decision as "a necessary step to accelerate the realisation not only by Spain but by other countries in the community of the need to advance with confidence and without fear in the path towards monetary union."

Discussion of economic and monetary union, culminating in a European central bank and a common currency, will top the Madrid agenda.

Spain was clearly too anxious to give concrete proof of its already well-known support for such a union before staging the meeting.

"The timing shows they want Madrid to be a successful summit," one monetary expert said. "Spain and its partners have to persuade Thatcher to budge. She has said she does not expect nor want to see a European central bank created in her lifetime or for a long time afterwards."

One possibility touted by optimists is that Thatcher could bow to the growing pressure by setting a target date or deadline for sterling to join the exchange rate mechanism, the grid which holds currency fluctuations within narrow bands.

That at least would put Britain on course to fulfil the first step foreseen in a three-phase blueprint for monetary union that will be under discussion in Madrid. Denmark is the only other EEC member that does not want to go further.

Thatcher's embattled Finance Minister — Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson — and many members of her government are known to want full EMS membership for the exchange rate stability and added discipline it would bring to fighting inflation, at a seven-year high of 8.3 per cent last month.

So far Thatcher, who refuses to compromise Britain's monetary sovereignty, has turned a deaf ear to Lawson. She insists that Britain would join "when the time is right." A spokesman for Thatcher repeated the phrase when asked whether London would follow Spain's move.

Lawson has been forced to concede that Britain should wait to see whether the EMS can stand the strain after France and Italy remove their remaining exchange controls by the end of

June 1990. Britain's business community believes Thatcher has ruled out full membership for the foreseeable future.

Apart from sterling, only the Portuguese escudo and the Greek drachma will be outside the exchange rate mechanism from Monday.

The peseta is the first currency to join the mechanism since the system was established 10 years ago to create — with success, in the view of many economists — an island of stability in a turbulent world monetary scene.

EMS currency parities, adjusted frequently in the early days, have not been changed, or "realigned," since January 1987.

The peseta has been widely regarded as overvalued and economists had expected the government to let it depreciate before bringing it into the system.

Like the Italian lira, it will be allowed to fluctuate for a transitional phase by a margin of six per cent against other currencies instead of the 2-1/4 per cent band to which other members are restricted.

Heat goes out of the petrol price rise

LONDON, June 17, (Reuters): The worst may be over for Western European motorists after a brisk rise in petrol prices earlier this year.

Wholesale petrol prices in north-western Europe have been tumbling and trade sources expect them to fall further.

"There is just too much product (petrol) around...there is no demand at all," a trader with a major Dutch oil firm said. "Although changes in actual pump prices are influenced by spot market movements, they may lag behind. Other items such as taxes and currency fluctuations also play a part."

The price of West German grade leaded petrol, the main marker on the Amsterdam-Antwerp spot barge market, has fallen to around \$200 a tonne (about 1,340 litres or 295 gallons), trade sources said.

In April, the grade rose to its highest in nearly four years at \$295 a tonne on panic buying because of refinery maintenance shutdowns and accidents which interrupted Alaskan and North Sea crude oil supplies.



Traders hold their breaths

Foreign exchange traders hold their breaths, telephone receivers in hand, as the dollar rose to 150.65 yen in early trade after opening at 150.30, above its first time in Tokyo since August 17, 1987. The dollar was 150.33 at midday on Thursday after central bank intervention, but its strength is seen to further continue, as the market expects a substantial narrowing in Thursday's release of April US trade data. (Reuters wirephoto)

No harmful fallout

'Triple witching hour' detonates trading bursts

NEW YORK, June 17, (AP): Despite detonating two bursts of stock trading on Wall Street, the "triple witching hour" didn't produce damaging fallout.

Uneasiness about what might happen during the quarterly occurrence had scared many individual investors away from the market for days. They decided they'd be safer to wait until the dust settled yesterday before transacting their stock business.

The simultaneous expiration of stock-index futures, index options and stock options can cause volatile swings in stock prices as investors holding those contracts try to balance their books by buying or selling the underlying stocks.

As predicted, the stock market opened with a bang yesterday. Within the first half hour of trading on the Big Board, more than 107 million shares changed hands and most of them moved in the first 15 minutes. By contrast, NYSE volume at that time the previous day totalled a more normal 26.31 million

shares.

"The market handled the heavy volume at the opening quite well," said Newton D. Zinder, analyst at Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc. "All the large blocks of stock were absorbed."

Share prices didn't suffer a big jolt, indicating how well the market coped with the crush of trading orders. The Dow Jones industrial average of 30 blue-chip stocks managed to eke out a small gain in the early going, while measures of activity in the broader market posted only minor losses.

Stock exchange procedures aimed at relieving market volatility apparently did the trick. The procedures are used on the third Friday of the last month in each quarter of the calendar year when the futures and options expire.

Zinder said most of the orders were sales and "by posting, or advertising those blocks, they were able to attract some buyers, mitigating any weakness that might have occurred."

Basically, each quarter the NYSE requires prior notification of orders related to complicated trading strategies used by professional investors designed to profit from price discrepancies between stocks and various stock-linked futures and options.

Yesterday orders due to take place at the opening had to be received by 9 am EDT, while orders to be executed at the close had to be in by 3 pm EDT, moved up from 3:30 pm on past expiration Fridays, in an effort to ease pressure at the end of the session.

Speculation swirled around the market all week that an unusually large level of "open interest" in the futures market — meaning more contracts than normal hadn't been closed before expiration — could cause severe price gyrations in the stock market yesterday.

No wild swings came about and share price barometers registered temperate readings throughout the day before closing with modest gains.

Interest Rates

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait today.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	10-7/16	10 15/16
3 months	9-15/16	10-7/16
6 months	9-7/16	9-7/8
1 year	9-3/8	9-13/16

Currency rates

KUWAIT, June 17, (KUNA): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.29651	0.29726
Sterling	0.45660	0.45825
Dm.	0.14960	0.15010
S. fr.	0.17315	0.17380
F. fr.	0.04400	0.04420
L. lira	0.0002055	0.0002070
Jp. yen	0.0020460	0.0020530
Bh. dinar	0.78645	0.78870
UAE dh.	0.08070	0.08095
S. rial	0.07900	0.07930
Q. rial	0.08140	0.08170
O. rial	0.77015	0.77230

AMMAN

	OPNG	CLSG
ALA-ADDIN COMPANY	2.28	2.36
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.	2.23	2.26
ARAB BANK	148.7	149.5
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	4.61	4.58
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.86	1.90
ARAB INSURANCE	1.01	1.04
ARAB INT. INV. TRAD.	0.71	0.73
ARAB INT. UNION INS	1.11	1.16
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	1.33	1.33
ARAB JOR. INVST/BK	2.37	2.37
ARAB PAPER COM/TRD	0.37	0.38
ARAB PHARMA. MANF.	3.57	3.56
ARAB PHARMA/CHEM	1.64	1.72
ARAB POTASH CO.	---	---
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN	15.20	15.30
BEIT AL-MAL/BEITMA	1.22	1.28
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CAIRO AMMAN BANK	29.00	29.00
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.36	0.38
DAR ALDANA DV/INV.	2.85	2.71
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.	0.80	0.80
FINANCE/CHOC/CHOC	0.75	0.71
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	4.60	4.50
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT	1.27	1.25
GENERAL MINING	2.10	2.10
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.44	1.44
IND./MATCH JEMCO	0.90	0.95
INDSTR. DEVLPT. BIK	1.70	1.70
INDSTR./COMM/AGR.	1.80	1.82
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN. COM/INV.	0.13	0.13
IRBID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.81
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
INTERMED/PET/CH	2.44	2.19
J-TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TOBACCO/CIGARET	19.50	19.50
JOR CERAMIC FACTORY	2.14	2.24
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.05	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER	1.50	1.50
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	1.20	1.22
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	1.01	1.01
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.30	2.18
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.	2.35	2.47
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.79	0.83
JOR LIM BRICK	0.18	0.18
JOR MANAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.48	2.48
JOR PAPER CARD/BRDG	3.96	3.95
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	3.90	3.95
JOR PIPES MANUFACT	2.30	2.33
JOR PRESS/PUBLISH.	1.79	1.72
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.25	4.25
JOR ROCK WOOL IND.	1.12	1.15
JOR SECURIT CORP.	1.12	1.11
JOR SELPHO CHEM.	2.25	2.29
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY	2.65	2.78
JOR WORSTED MLL	4.65	4.70
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	0.95	0.92
JOR. PETROLEUM INF	8.02	7.91
JOR. FRENCH INS.	5.45	5.45
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP	2.52	2.48
JORDANIAN GULF REAL	0.35	0.36
JORDAN DAIY	1.13	1.16
JORDAN GULF BANK	1.12	1.11
JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94	0.95
JORDAN INSURANCE	3.47	3.50
JORDAN ISLAMIC BAK	2.09	2.10
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK	1.45	1.46
JORDAN TANNING	1.96	1.96

KUWAIT

Deadline approaching

Benson & Hedges Management Challenge

THE opportunity to win an impressive portfolio of gold shares to the value of US\$10,000 per person, not to mention the coveted Benson & Hedges Management Challenge Gold Medal award has prompted teams of business colleagues to respond overwhelmingly to this year's Benson & Hedges Management Challenge Competition.

Since the launch of the 1989 Benson & Hedges Management Challenge competition in April, responses have been flooding in to the first stage questionnaire, which qualifies the successful teams, made up of three members, to progress to the Country Final Stage. Though the deadline is set for the end of June, there is still a chance for those businessmen and managers, who enjoy a challenge, to send in their answers and join in the bid for a truly magnificent award.

Teams who are successful at Stage 1 will enter the country finals and have the opportunity to test their skills against five other top teams in a one-day computer simulated exercise, running their own companies in a highly competitive environment. Regional finals will be held in Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Muscat, Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Riyadh, Jeddah and for the first time in Amman, Jordan.

Over the past six years, the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge has grown to be considered one of the most outstanding and highly desirable management exercises in the Middle East. "So many managers in the region look at the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge now as



An official with the gold medal.

a quality evaluation of their performance vis-a-vis that of their competitors; they enter for the sheer training value of participation," said professor Bob Thomas, of Ashridge Management College, in the UK.

Professor Thomas heads the Ashridge team of experts who have designed the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge competition since it started in 1984. Ashridge Management College will be the venue for the Grand Final of 1989, later this year.

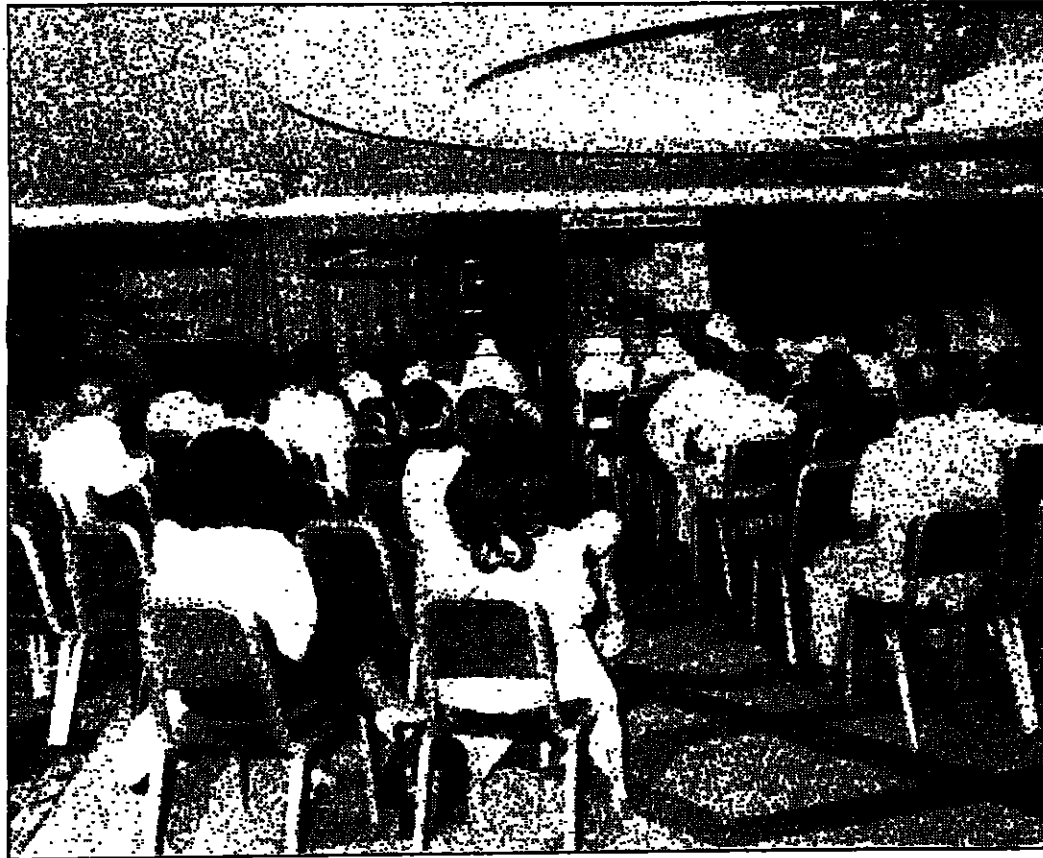
While all contestants

appreciate the training value of the challenge's written and computer simulated exercises, those who will proceed to the Grand Final Stage of the competition can also expect to be richly rewarded. All finalists will receive Benson & Hedges Management Challenge Gold Medals, minted in 22 carat gold by Spink & Co. of London. The team winning the 1989 Benson & Hedges Management Challenge will return home from the UK with a portfolio of gold shares worth \$30,000, 10,000 for each of its three members, and their company

will be awarded the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge award.

So why not make 1989 the year when your managerial skills are recognised and rewarded. You can achieve this by participating in the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge now, before the end of June. You could stand a chance to add your name and that of your company to the exclusive winners roll of the Benson & Hedges Management Challenge. This could be your opportunity, so don't miss it.

Video technology enters new era



A view of the seminar.

AL ALAMIAH Electronics Co. recently held a seminar in Kuwait Sheraton Hotel, to introduce JVC's new Super VHS System.

A large number of JVC distributors in Kuwait attended the seminar.

The most dramatic improvement made to this system was the exceptional picture quality, comprising of more than 400 lines of horizontal resolution, complemented by an outstanding sound reproduction.

A very good example of this

new system is the hi-fi stereo Super VHS video movie (GF-S1000 HE), with its outstanding ability to vividly record and play back your wonderful moments. Additionally, it is equipped with editing facilities, enabling the amateur videographer to become almost professional.

The compact Super VHS video movie (GR-S77 E), on the other hand, provides the features of the new system in a light-weight design, which goes simply wherever you like.

Yet still another member of the system is the Super VHS video (HR-S5000), in which JVC has combined the most convenient features of its previous sets, together with the ability for reproducing superb picture resolution and excellent sound quality.

The Super VHS system is indeed a major development to the conventional VHS system created by JVC in 1976. And also the beginning of a new era characterised by exceptional picture quality.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon, 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn
AT THE COFFEE SHOP: A variety of continental in oriental cuisine to suit everyone's taste for lunch or dinner.
Al Andalus: Thursday - Arabian night. Savour the

exotic food especially prepared for this night. Our local entertainers provide music.

Family brunch - a whole day for the family. Entertainment includes Walt Disney cartoon characters plus performance from the great magician. Let your kids enjoy every minute of the day. Delicious mouth watering food in a variety of deserts.

At the Swimming Pool: It's a great night out by the pool, starting at 8:00 p.m.

Barbecue - Music - Games prizes and surprises awaits each one. Bring your family in friends in savour our delicious Shazara Barbecue.

At the Continental
THE Gardenia, at the Kuwait Continental hotel open from 7 am to midnight, offers dinner buffet on Thursdays. The buffet features grilled specialities. The Friday lunch features Indian, Arabic and continental cuisine. The Dabar offers an Indian buffet lunch daily except Fridays and a la carte for dinner.

At the Meridien
HOTEL Meridien Kuwait features special weekly promotion at La Brasserie restaurant: Asian Corner every Saturday, Monday and Wednesday. A

wide variety of Asian dishes, in addition to the regular buffet, will be featured. Tempura, fried noodles, etc. are prepared in front of the guests and served on the spot.

Mexican Night every Sunday: Discover the delight of Mexican cuisine awaiting you in our 'Little Mexico'.

Greek Tavern every Tuesday: Experience authentic Greek ambience and food with live Bouzouki music and wide variety of mezzah.

Enjoy an evening of foot tapping fun every Thursday. Remy and Tony's jam session in La Brasserie.

Family day every Friday: Enjoy a day with your family. La Brasserie offers a wide array of Oriental favourites along with live music, entertainment, and a magician to thrill the little ones and many other games for the children.

At the Kuwait International
CHILDREN'S party: Every Friday from June 23 up to July 7. Kermat, Donald Duck, Fozzie Bear, many other playmates, a huge Kiddie Castle, games, puppet shows and video fun promise to make it an entertaining day for the children. KDS for adults and KD 3 for children. Tickets on sale at reception: 2530000/8039.

New global network established in Kuwait

THROUGH an extensive global network of services, Maersk Line has established its own organisation in 46 countries world-wide, with more than 100 offices.

Information on transport must be communicated fast and effectively between these offices and not least, between Maersk Line and their more than 100,000 customers. For this purpose, Maersk Line has established a global network of communication services between more than 4,000 Maersk EDP-terminals connected to the system.

Information is exchanged at the speed of light. Cargo details are transmitted between countries in less than a second via this network. Each minute, all year round, a Maersk Line Bill of Lading is transmitted.

Apart from the customers, various authorities may also have an interest in specific cargo details. As an example, the customs authorities in most areas, require a complete manifest of all inbound cargo. Considering the vessels' fast speed and subsequent short transit times, delays would often occur to the delivery of cargo if the details were submitted manually in the usual manner.

Mohammed Saleh Behbehani and Co., Maersk Line's exclusive agent in Kuwait, has recently been hooked up to the Maersk Line global network, and is now able to provide you with any information concerning the transportation of your cargo - on the spot.

So it is not just a matter of transporting cargo, it is also transportation of information. It is all linked together.

La Palma presents a culinary trip around the world featuring authentic Chinese, Indian, Mexican, African, Italian, British, German, Turkish and Arabic dishes. Theme nights on Tuesdays and Saturdays, ext 8166.

Garden pool: Relax by the pool and enjoy our American barbecue on June 16, Friday.

SPORTS

Recreation Centre
SWIMMING lessons available at the Holiday Inn Health Club and recreation centre. Separate ladies and mens keep fit classes with Steve and Chris Hill on Mondays at 6 to 7 pm. Also ladies aerobics and mixed aerobics with Toufi Pakasalo. Yoga and bowling alley available for company tournaments. Squash handicap tournament for all standards and squash coaching available from our squash instructors. Also tennis coaching, martial arts starting on Sunday, June 4 and on following Sundays (6.30 to 7.30 pm) mixed classes. Additional facilities available under the supervision of selected professionals. For details contact the recreation department, tel. No. 4742000 ext. 6788 or 6700.

NIGHT CHEMIST

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Al Tokhaim Building
Loula Pharmacy
Ahmad Al Jaber St.,
Near Dasman Complex
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Al Khayam Pharmacy
Nagra, Beirut St.,
Opp. Hawalli Central
Salmiya and Rumaithiya
Phoenicia Pharmacy
Salem Al Mubarak St.,
Opp. Zahra Complex
Fahsheel and Ahmadi
Al Khaleej Pharmacy
Fahsheel, Al Mojama St.,
Abdullah Rabeeah Building
Farwaniya
Al Jazera Pharmacy
Main St. Hamood Hayef Al Rasheed Building
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy
The New Commercial Market

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KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial
6.30 Bellamy: an exciting new adventure for young viewers.
7.00 In the Wild: a look at animals and reptiles in the Australian outback.
7.30 Sea Hunt: "Jennifer's Rescue." Jennifer is missing and Dr Mike is forced to take refuge on a remote island.
8.00 News in English
8.40 Murder, She Wrote: "Snow White Red Blood." Two ice skaters are killed in the skating rink. Jessica happens to be present and helps to piece together evidence against the killer. Starring: Angela Lansbury.
9.30 Nature Watch: "Woodpecker." A look at the woody woodpecker.
10.00 You Can't Take It With You: "A Very Moving Day." Alice

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
9.30 Cartoons
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
10.15 Hikayat Sakhatat: Arabic serial (Part 1)
11.01 Al Nisr Wa Ayoun Al Madinah: Arabic serial (Part 1) Starring: Khaleel Shawqi, Siham Al Sabti and Mohammed Abdul
12.15 That's Incredible: Foreign programme
1.00 News Summary
1.05 The World News via Satellite
1.30 Flouma: Cartoon serial
2.00 Variety
2.12 Abu Awaadh: Arabic serial (Part 14)
3.00 Mawsoot Al Sona Al Nabawiya: Religious programme
3.30 Cartoon serial
4.00 Shader Al Samak: Arabic feature film, Starring Ahmad Zaki, Nabeela Obaid, and Mohammed Ridha
6.00 Stories from the Holy Quran: Children serial (Part 3)
7.00 Ghazwa Al Fadha: Cultural programme



Nabeela Obaid in 'Shader Al Samak', Arabic film on KTV 1 at 4.00 pm today.

7.30 Al Majala Al Ziraya: Local programme
8.15 Diwanat Shura: Al Nabat: Local programme
9.00 News in Arabic
10.00 Illi Ma'a Qurs: Daily Arabic serial (Part 9)
10.45 Sahara Munawa'a: Variety late night show
12.00 News Summary
12.05 The World News via Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran and Closedown



Dr Mike (left) and Jennifer in 'Sea Hunt' on KTV2 at 7.30 pm today

wants to move out of the family home.

10.30 Best-Seller
12.00 News Summary/

Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Fehlmann wins yacht race

MERIT, the Swiss yacht skippered by Pierre Fehlmann, has won her class convincingly in the French Double Transatlantic Race, beating two of her opponents for the forthcoming Whitbread Round the World Race.

It is Fehlmann's second consecutive victory in the Transatlantic race organised by Le Point, Europe 1 and CIBLE, sailing out from Lorient and return, and it proved as tough a training race for the Whitbread, starting Sept 2, as Fehlmann could have sought.

Just hours after the start at Lorient on April 23, and racing at 15 knots under a 35 knots following wind, a spinnaker pulley shattered high on the mast. Under the tension of the sail, a cable sawed a vertical gash some two metres long into the mast. Swift action prevented dismasting, but the accident meant Merit was forced both to reduce sail and to plan a stop for repairs in the Azores.

Despite being slowed, Merit maintained a short lead over its main rival, the new Finnish IOR rating "Baltic Maxi", until reaching the port of Horta.

Meticulous advance plan-

ning by the SORC's "on-shore crew" made the enforced halt short - just 3 1/2 hours at the quayside while the mast was reinforced with spare parts and equipment prepared in Switzerland.

Back in the race, satellite positioning put Merit just 30 miles behind Baltic Maxi, with 2,200 miles still to cover to St Barthélemy. The repair was quickly put to the test as Merit met contrary winds and rough conditions the following day but all held firm.

Fehlmann's long ocean racing experience - topped by victory in the last Whitbread four years ago - paid off in the following days. Baltic Maxi moved further ahead on a more southerly course. But Fehlmann stuck with meteorological advice and had the best of rather light wind to overhaul the Finn on May 8, and lead by 18 miles the next day.

The routes of the two rivals closed together, but Fehlmann's crew, which won the Discovery Race across the Atlantic last December, made the vital difference in light winds when the lead was never more than a few miles. Merit took the line honours

of the IOR Maxi class off St Barthélemy's port of Gustavia, and then it a round-the-island race staged as a warm-up for the return leg.

New opposition appeared for the race back to Lorient in the form of British defender, a maxi not completed in time to start from Lorient. Skipped by Frank Esson, it will be crewed in the Whitbread by servicemen from the British Army, Navy and Air Force.

Merit led from the start of the 3,385 mile return leg, with British defender starting strongly, but being overhauled by Baltic Maxi. Fehlmann's crew progressively increased their lead, to more than 130 miles with a few days still to race. Close to the French coast, Merit was becalmed for almost one day. Reaching Lorient with very light breezes, her lead on the Finnish maxi was thus reduced to just a few hours.

The Transat was the last long distance training race for Merit before the Whitbread, and the race from which Fehlmann will choose the 15 crew to accompany him around the world.

The only problems reported by Fehlmann on the return leg were of food and water.

CINEMA

Al Andalus
Halloween IV

Al Sabhiya
Moving

Al Hamra
Cobra Mission II

Drive-In
Arabic Film

Firdous
7 Bijliyaan

Starring: Tina Munim, Raj Kiran

Fahsheel
Open-air

Biwi-O-Biwi

Fahsheel
Big Business

Al Jahra
Josh

Granada
Nishana

Salsibikhat
Born Killer

Al Jeeb
Jannanthram

Ahmad Drive-In
Cruel World

BBC World Services

0900 Newswatch
30 Composer of the Month (ex 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream)
0100 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week: 2nd and 9th Body and Soul; 16th A Pair of Spectacles, 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream Contd.
0200 World News
09 British Press Review
15 The Girl in His Past (ex 2nd The Picture of Dorian Gray)
30 The Ken Bruce Show
0300 World News
09 News about Britain
15 From Our Own Correspondent
30 Screenplay
0400 Newswatch
30 Jazz Gospel
45 Worldbrief
0500 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Financial Review
40 Words of Faith
45 Letter from America
0600 Newswatch
30 Jazz for the Asking
0700 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 From Our Own Correspondent

RADIO PROGRAMMES

45 Book Choice
50 Waveguide
0800 World News
09 Words of Faith
15 The Pleasure of Yours
0900 World News
09 British Press Review
15 Nature Now
30 Financial Review
39 Book Choice
45 Short Story
1000 News Summary followed by Science in Action
30 In Praise of God
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1300 World News
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary
30 Sports Roundup
45 Worldbrief
1400 News Summary followed by leaders and leadership
30 Anything Goes
1500 Newswatch
15 Concert Hall (ex 9th Sports-world)

Urdu

1900 Opening
1910 Behtereng Quail
1915 Programme Preview
1920 Songs
1935 Press Report
1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet
2000 News
2020 Songs
2040 Geet Kahani
2100 Closedown

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SNIPPETS

MANDAUE CITY: A 26-year-old cargo handler was shot and killed by four unidentified men inside an eatery in the suburban Mandaue City public market.

Milberto Potot of Lahug, Cebu City, was gunned down in the presence of late afternoon market goers, police said.

He was rushed to the Cortes Hospital in this city but was pronounced dead on arrival. He was hit in the face and right side of the breast.

None of those who witnessed the slaying was able to identify the gunmen.

According to the police, a .45 caliber bullet shell was found by policemen who rushed to the shooting scene.

MAKATI: About 200 license plates of smoke-belching vehicles were confiscated.

The plate numbers were seized by the environment and natural resources and transportation and communication departments, Metro Manila Commission and the Makati PC-INP transport division.

Three teams were stationed at the corners of EDSA and Ayala Ave., J. P. Rizal and Pasong Tamo and Buendia corner Pasong Tamo streets.

Vehicles were subjected to smoke emission test. Those emitting more than the tolerable level were mostly freight trucks, buses and diesel taxis.

The drivers of the smoke-belchers were told to ground their vehicles until they pass the smoke test.

RIZAL: A student was shot in the face when he allegedly accused a Rizal policeman of being a dope pusher.

Arnaldo Vera, 21, of 111 Primo Rivera St., Barangay Tejeros, Makati was rushed to the Philippine General Hospital for a wound in the face inflicted by Pat. Mario Caray, 35, of the Jala-Jala Police and resident of 4766 Solchuaga St., Makati.

Makati policemen arrested Caray.

Witnesses told police that Vera and Caray had been arguing on Varona St when the student allegedly accused Caray of being a dope pusher.

Caray drew his .45 and shot Vera witnesses said.

Doctors later said the slug was embedded in Vera's throat.

Caray told Pfc. Romeo Ubana that Vera had tried to grab his gun for no clear reason.

MANILA: The Region II (Cagayan Valley) office of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) has launched a mass planting of bamboo species in critical areas including major waterways and riverbanks in the region.

The first to be carried out in this once forest-rich region, the intensified bamboo tree planting project was ordered implemented by DENR executive director Rogelio Bagayan to restore the vegetative cover of the five provinces in the region.

It is also aimed at protecting the existing vital infrastructure projects, particularly bridges and roads, against erosion and siltation caused mainly by unregulated cutting of trees.

Region two comprises the provinces of Isabela, Nueva Viscaya, Quirino, Cagayan and Batangas.

CEBU CITY: The body of a Constabulary Criminal Service Investigation (CIS) sergeant was found dumped at Forest Hills, Barangay Banawa, this city.

Sgt. Julio Adriano, in his early 30s had been missing for two weeks, the CIS said.

The body which is in advance state of decomposition, was identified by relatives through a ring and a tattoo marking him as a member of Guardians Brotherhood, the CIS said.

According to investigators, Adriano's body failed to show any bullet or stab wound.

Dr. Jesus Cerna who conducted an autopsy on the body said Adriano could have been smothered or suffocated.

According to the CIS, he had just completed a six-month on-the-job training under the CIS when he met his death.

An investigator speculated the sergeant might have been liquidated by a gang operating in the barangay.

He was instrumental in the arrest of suspects in the ambush-slaying of a Constabulary major and his brother in the barangay weeks earlier, he said.

PASAY CITY: A market vendor accused her landlord of raping and impregnating her 19-year-old retarded daughter.

The vendor identified to Pat. Edgardo Juarbal of the Pasay City police general assignment section the man she claimed had raped her daughter as Ernesto Reposa, also for Pasay City.

The woman said that when she discovered her daughter was pregnant and asked her who the baby's father was, the daughter named Reposa.

Her daughter told her that Reposa had been raping her everytime she was left alone in the house, the mother told police.

Police are still looking for Reposa to answer the vendor's accusation.

MARIKINA: The old slaughterhouse in Calumpang, Marikina will soon be renovated after more than 10 years of not operating.

Marikina councilor Dr. Jaime T. Lazaro sponsored resolution No 6 to renovate the slaughterhouse building to make it a source of stable income for the town.

Marikina meat sellers have to use out-of-town slaughterhouses, resulting in the outflow of income.

The existing slaughterhouse, standing on 1,914 square metres of land, will need an appropriation of P4 million.

MASBATE: Seven persons, most of them children, died in a fire which razed the commercial and residential areas of Aroroy town.

Reports reaching Camp Bagong Ibalon in Legaspi City identified the victims as Norma Repaso, 16, Nora Repaso 19, Beverly Escalera, 14, and Ryan, 10, Jojo, 3, Iris, 8, and Ayet, 6, all surnamed Chan.

The reports said the fire started at about 1:45 am and spread to the commercial and residential areas in the Poblacion.

The fire started at the residence of the Chans, trapping the victims in their rooms where they were sleeping.

Nilo Chan, the father of the four children, was with his wife in Lucena City when the fire happened.

THREE suspected holdup men on a motorcycle were killed after they exchanged gunshots with police in Parangay Tabing Ilog, Maricao, Bulacan.

Police found no identification papers on the slain suspects.

Maricao police chief Capt. Alfredo Lintao said his men saw the suspects roaming around in Barangay Sta. Rosa.

Police put up a road block to stop the suspects who apparently panicked and shot it out with policemen.

A gasoline station attendant in Barangay Abangan Sur who was robbed of some P2,000 five days ago positively identified the three suspects as the same ones who held him up and three other gasoline station workers.

The owner of another gasoline station in Guiguinto, Buiacon, robbed by three unidentified men a week ago, was asked by police to identify the suspects.

ROD M. REYES

A FORMER Rosario, Cavite mayor was shot and seriously wounded while driving his car by two men on a motorcycle in the town yesterday morning.

Oscar Reyes, 59, of Poblacion, Rosario was driving his Lancer with license plate DET-215 on Marcelaya St., Barangay Bagbag when the two men overtook his car and fired at him at about 10:30 a.m.

The ambushers fired at the former mayor six times. Reyes took five .45 pistol bullets, one of them entering his jaw and coming out of his nape.

The former mayor's car zigzagged, then rammed a store while the two men rushed to a red car when their motorcycle was outbalanced and bumped a parked jeepney.

Rosario police chief Maj. Leonardo Bernal and his men rushed Reyes to the Our Saviour Hospital in Cavite. He was later moved to the Makati Medical Centre.

Reyes was alone in his car when the men started tailing him in their motorcycle with plate number NE 6747, Rosario chief investigator Sgt. Esmeraldo Romero gathered.

Reyes was heading home from a hearing at the Imus Municipal Court.

Police have not yet established the motive of the shooting.

THE HOUSE of Representatives yesterday approved on third and final reading a bill strengthening the Office of the Ombudsman and other priority measures.

Rushing action on vital measures before going to a 46-day recess, the House also approved the organic act for the Mindanao Autonomous Region, a referendum in amending the Constitution and a bill proposing 86 community hospitals with at least 10 beds each in priority areas.

At the end of the second 137-day regular session, the House approved a total of 106 bills on second reading and 206 on third reading with 57 enacted into law.

Ex-rebels admit killing innocent people

Bid to remove deep penetration agents

By Ed Perpena

COMMUNIST leaders have already admitted that a major blunder was committed by cadres operating in Southern Luzon who tortured and killed their colleagues suspected of spying for the government, two former members of the New People's Army said last week.

Testifying before the House committee on civil, political and human rights, former NPA rebels Apolinario Pabicio alias Ka Poleng, and Eddie Borromeo, alias Ka Arles, said efforts by their leaders to rid the communist movement of "deep penetration agents" resulted in the killing of innocent people.

"Inamin ni Ka Roger (Gregorio Rosal) at ni Ka Bobbie (Carolina Malay-Ocampo) na nagkamali sa unang pagpatay," Borromeo told the committee headed by Rep. Jesus Dureza (LDP, Davao City).

Rosal is the spokesman of the Melito Glor Command operating in Quezon-Bicol region while Malay-Ocampo is a top leader of the National Democratic Front.

Pabicio also told the committee that Satur Ocampo, secretary-general of the Communist Party of the Philippines, issued a directive to all NPA commands to only "arrest and investigate" those suspected of spying for the enemies.

"Walang torture, walang pagpatay. Iluwag ibulgar kahit kanino ang anumang nangyayari sa kampo," Pabicio quoted Ocampo's directive to the NPA units.

Pabicio, Borromeo and Severino Ranoda, alias Ka Benjie, told the committee that the 44 bodies found in the four mass graves in Laguna and Quezon were ordered killed by the Melito Glor Command.

"Narininig ko ang kaniyang daing, nagsasabing patawarin ninyo na ako, parang awa nyo na," Pabicio narrated as he broke into tears.

Although Pabicio admitted he did not witness the killing, he said he knew they were already dead when their killers, carrying ArmaLite rifles, emerged and jubilantly stuck to the barrels of their rifles the rings of their fallen comrades.

Pabicio, according to Ranoda, was one of 37 rebels arrested on charges of espionage but later freed following Ocampo's directive.

Ranoda, who served as one of the arresting officers carrying out the purge, was later arrested by the military and has already spent five months in 237th PC Company camp in Laguna.

Also at the hearing, Brig. Gen. Alejandro Galido, Southern Luzon Command chief, said they have already discovered at least 40 bodies dumped in mass graves in Laguna and Quezon.

Rep. Vincente de la Sema (LDP, Cebu), chairman of the House subcommittee on the internal security, expressed doubts that bodies found in the mass graves were those of rebels who were summarily killed on suspicion of spying for the government. "They could be the bodies of rebels killed in encounters," he said.

Even Col. Oscar Florendo, AFP chief for civil relations, admitted the AFP is having difficulty in determining the nature of killings since the Constabulary lacks the necessary expertise in doing so.

Leaders of human rights groups present at the hearing said they would like to join the ongoing investigation into the alleged mass killing on condition there are forensic experts who will determine the actual cause of the rebels' death.

Mercedes Contreras, acting secretary-general of the Philip-

pine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates, urged the military to defer the release of its findings until they are reviewed by forensic experts.

The bodies of the unidentified rebels were turned over to the barangay captain of Mahayut, (Ped Velasco)

MAKATI: Metro Manila: A computer programmer was killed in Makati last week when the car he was driving crashed onto a passenger bus on EDSA.

The victim was identified as Gabriel Yalguas, 33, of 3-C San Rafael St., Pasig.

Cpl. Onofre Fuentes of the Makati police traffic division said that several witnesses saw the victim's car ramming Pasivil Transit bus with plate No. NXJ-993 while the bus was waiting for passengers a few meters away from the Guadalupe bridge at 10:30 pm last week.

Witnesses said that Yalguas' car, a Toyota Corolla with plate No. NXZ-239, was moving at a fast clip toward Quezon City.

Bystanders tried to pull the victim out of the car which went under the bus rear chassis but their attempt proved futile.

The bus driver, Ricardo Bato, and his conductor escaped.

The bus was impounded by Makati policemen.

ARIS ILAGAN

MANILA: A US Navy investigator has helped smash a ring which procured Filipino children as young as four years old as sex partners for foreigners, a Philippine prosecutor said last week.

Eight Filipinos have been implicated in the child prostitution ring operating around the Subic Naval Base, prosecutor Nina Alcala said.

They offered girls between four and 12 at prices ranging from \$15 to \$25.

A Philippine court last month sentenced an Austrian to life imprisonment for the rape and death of an 11-year-old girl in Olongapo. (Reuter)

QUEZON CITY: The Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB) and a Navotas judge asked yesterday for the reconsideration of a recent ruling by a Quezon City trial court judge who denied a motion to dismiss a case filed by a businessman against the EIIB chief, the judge, and eight other persons.

EIIB Commissioner Jose T. Almonte and Judge Jesus O. Martinez of the Metropolitan Trial Court (branch 54) also filed a joint motion asking the Office of the Solicitor General to represent them in the case.

Businessman Peter Co, represented by lawyer Jose Joson, said that his complaint was not directed against the state but against the defendants in their private and personal capacities. He accused them of grave abuse and unlawful acts.

Judge Martinez, on the other hand, assailed the ruling, saying "it appears that I am in cahoot with the EIIB and as if I have abused my authority."

The case stemmed from a search warrant issued by Martinez and used by the EIIB in confiscating allegedly smuggled goods stored in the businessman's warehouse in Navotas. (Sel Baysa)

BACOLOD CITY: Rodolfo Parreno, a practicing lawyer and landowner, was hailed recently by his colleagues for his defence of persons involved in the so-called "Escalante massacre."

Parreno was a consistent scholar during his school days. He landed in the top 20 in the 1971 bar examinations.

He is a former councilor of this city. He ran for Congress and lost but his performance in the polls was described as "impressive."

(Alex Salvatierra)

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NATIONAL Housing Authority (NHA) general manager on leave Raymundo Dizon said yesterday he won't resign despite "tremendous pressure from various quarters."

Dizon told newsmen that quitting his post would mean an admission of guilt. In fact, he had asked President Aquino to reinstate him so he can defend himself.

Dizon said he cannot fight his detractors effectively with his hands tied behind his back.

Dizon had been reportedly cleared by the fact finding committee of the NHA and the Commission on Audit of irregularities in the purchase of some P3.4

million worth of NHA equipment and vehicles. His assistant, retired Col. Antonio Fernandez, is still undergoing investigation.

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A mother sits idly while her two children sleep after their house, together with other squatter shanties, on Rodriguez St., Malibay, Pasay City, were demolished. The displaced squatter families, however, refused to move out and opted to stay on the street.

Stockton deal completed

THE Senate blue ribbon committee rejected for the second time yesterday a motion by opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile to reopen its investigation of the sale of the \$10 million property owned by the Philippine government in San Francisco.

The committee members voted 6 to 2 to wind up the investigations into the deal which Enrile claimed may have even involved President Aquino.

Sen. Sotero Laurel, acting chairman of the committee, maintained that the Senate investigation body had conducted enough hearings and gathered sufficient evidence needed for a final report on the controversial sale of the lot on 212 Stockton St.

"After 14 hearings, I feel that there is enough evidence on record that can be the basis of a report," Laurel told newsmen after an executive meeting of the committee.

He said the report will be ready by tomorrow.

Enrile expressed concern that the investigation may lead to the exoneration of the principal characters in the hastily negotiated sale of the Stockton property.

Enrile said he attended only 12 of the 14 hearings held by the committee. He had asked for two more public hearings so he can question more witnesses, including former Tourism Secretary Jose Antonio Gonzalez and



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pine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates, urged the military to defer the release of its findings until they are reviewed by forensic experts.

The bodies of the unidentified rebels were turned over to the barangay captain of Mahayut, (Ped Velasco)

MAKATI: Metro Manila: A computer programmer was killed in Makati last week when the car he was driving crashed onto a passenger bus on EDSA.

The victim was identified as Gabriel Yalguas, 33, of 3-C San Rafael St., Pasig.

Cpl. Onofre Fuentes of the Makati police traffic division said that several witnesses saw the victim's car ramming Pasivil Transit bus with plate No. NXJ-993 while the bus was waiting for passengers a few meters away from the Guadalupe bridge at 10:30 pm last week.

Witnesses said that Yalguas' car, a Toyota Corolla with plate No. NXZ-239, was moving at a fast clip toward Quezon City.

Bystanders tried to pull the victim out of the car which went under the bus rear chassis but their attempt proved futile.

The bus driver, Ricardo Bato, and his conductor escaped.

The bus was impounded by Makati policemen.

ARIS ILAGAN

MANILA: A US Navy investigator has helped smash a ring which procured Filipino children as young as four years old as sex partners for foreigners, a Philippine prosecutor said last week.

Eight Filipinos have been implicated in the child prostitution ring operating around the Subic Naval Base, prosecutor Nina Alcala said.

They offered girls between four and 12 at prices ranging from \$15 to \$25.

A Philippine court last month sentenced an Austrian to life imprisonment for the rape and death of an 11-year-old girl in Olongapo. (Reuter)

QUEZON CITY: The Economic Intelligence and Investigation Bureau (EIIB) and a Navotas judge asked yesterday for the reconsideration of a recent ruling by a Quezon City trial court judge who denied a motion to dismiss a case filed by a businessman against the EIIB chief, the judge, and eight other persons.

EIIB Commissioner Jose T. Almonte and Judge Jesus O. Martinez of the Metropolitan Trial Court (branch 54) also filed a joint motion asking the Office of the Solicitor General to represent them in the case.

Businessman Peter Co, represented by lawyer Jose Joson, said that his complaint was not directed against the state but against the defendants in their private and personal capacities. He accused them of grave abuse and unlawful acts.

Judge Martinez, on the other hand, assailed the ruling, saying "it appears that I am in cahoot with the EIIB and as if I have abused my authority."

The case stemmed from a search warrant issued by Martinez and used by the EIIB in confiscating allegedly smuggled goods stored in the businessman's warehouse in Navotas. (Sel Baysa)

BACOLOD CITY: Rodolfo Parreno, a practicing lawyer and landowner, was hailed recently by his colleagues for his defence of persons involved in the so-called "Escalante massacre."

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Inquiry into multi-million peso land scam

A BUSINESSMAN who almost sold a vast cogonal land to the government for P62.7 million said the Department of Agrarian Reform made him sign a blank form of a deed of sale.

Alex Lina, president of Sharp International Corporation, told a joint congressional inquiry that the deed of sale form he signed "had no written amount at all."

When the form was returned to him last January, Lina said it had P62.7 million amount as "purchase price" for the 1,889-hectare Garchitorena estate in Camarines Sur; the property his firm is sell to the government under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme.

Lina testified before the six-man joint committee together with business associate Romeo Santos, former manager of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

In other developments, the presidential investigating committee looking into the multi-million peso land scam is hopeful the probe will be finished within this month as evidence gets clearer.

The chairman of the House committee on agrarian reform scoffed at Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin for attempting to clear those implicated in the Garchitorena land scam in a homily he gave Wednesday.

Settlers at the controversial estate told a fact-finding body of the Supreme Court they favour the communist rebels' land reform programme because they will pay only 15 per cent of their produce.



Lina

Lina said he signed the blank deed of sale at the office of Silvestre Gabot, director of the Bureau of Land Acquisition, Distribution and Development. Gabot is one of the 21 DAR officials who went on leave after being implicated in the scandal.

Agrarian Reform Secretary Philip Juico, who is also on leave, had said in an earlier testimony that the deed of sale was signed not in the presence of Lina.

During the marathon hearing, presided over by Sen. Heherson Alvarez, chairman of the House committee on agrarian reform, Lina also absolved Land Bank of the Philippines president Doogracias Vistan of any responsibility in the aborted land scam.

Lina said he met Vistan in Tokyo after the deed of sale was signed by Juico in January. Quoting from their he asked Vistan "Why can't you pay me?" To which Vistan replied: "What if you did not know the acquisition cost."

Lina further quoted Vistan as

saying: "I cannot in conscience pay you the P62 million. Wala pa akong nakitang negosyo na nabibili ng P3 million sa ipinagbili ng P62 million. Hindi bale na kung may ginto diyen."

Despite Lina's disclosure of the transaction with DAR, senators grilled him.

"You declared so many hectares cultivated, so many coconuts planted and you lied," Alvarez told Lina.

Opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile, a member of the committee, said "Ulo lang ang bibili ng Garchitorena ng P3 square metre (or P62.7 million for 1,889 hectares of cogonal land)".

Meanwhile, retired Supreme Court Justice Jose Feria, chairman of the three-man committee formed by President Aquino to look into the land scam, said he is hopeful the probe will be finished this month.

"It's getting clearer and clearer now," said Feria, who was interviewed by reporters after the committee adjourned its hearings last Thursday.

In another development, the settlers who are supposed to benefit from the land deal told members of an investigating committee sent there by the Supreme Court that they favour the communist rebels' land reform programme because they believe it is more responsive to their needs.

Investigators said the settlers favour the rebel's land reform programme since they would contribute only 15 per cent of their produce. They also said the farmers they interviewed were

willing to buy the land at P1,000 per hectare.

Feria said the committee will be hearing next week the side of other DAR officials and employees, before calling the "two principal witnesses" in the case.

"We will have to tie up the pieces together first," Feria said.

Other witnesses claimed their superiors assigned at DAR Bicol office ordered them to change the value of the estate to more than P30,000 per hectare, even if they knew it can hardly fetch a per hectare price of more than P1,000.

Congressman Lagman, meanwhile, scoffed at Manila Archbishop Jaime Cardinal Sin for attempting to clear those

implicated in the land scam in a homily he gave last Wednesday.

"It is dismaying that the Cardinal would issue a statement that is uncalled for and baseless," Lagman told the House Forum hosted by the Congressional Press Corps.

In a Mass to celebrate the second anniversary of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme, Sin said: "I know there is no truth (to the accusations). I can tell this to the four corners of this country."

Also at the Forum, Rep. Hernando B. Perez (LDP, Batangas) sought to limit the powers of DAR officials to fix the price of lands sold under carp and to authorize the conversion of land for other purposes.

Perez said these powers give DAR officials "wide latitude" in determining the price of lands sold under carp as well as in approving the conversion of agricultural lands into industrial sites. "It could be a source of graft," he added.

"We never intended that DAR should be that powerful, not more popish than the Pope," Perez told newsmen.

Perez said he expects delay in the development of the country's industrial base should DAR continue to enjoy these powers.

Rep. Salvador Escudero (KBL, Sorsogon) shared Perez's views and attributed the existence of irregularities such as the Garchitorena deal to "the presence of brokers."



Senator Enrile questions Secretary Juico (right) and Vistan during the inquiry on the Garchitorena deal.

Army to have 18 new generals soon

EIGHTEEN military and police colonels will be promoted to brigadier-general this month, bringing to 85 the total number of officers with star rank.

A military source said the promotions will also trigger a "reshuffle" of assignments, the second this year. He said the retirement of one brigadier-general this month and of three others in July, will cause a "movement" in the AFP.

Brig. Gen. Romulo Rodriguez, commanding general of the Army service support Brigade, will retire on June 20. Also scheduled to retire are Brig. Gen. Fabic, chief of the Northern Luzon Command, on July 12; Brig. Gen. Buenaventura Tabo, chief of Logistics Command, on July 12; Brig. Gen. Mariano Adale, chief of the Army, on July 26.

The AFP board of generals, which screens the candidate officers, has been holding marathon sessions to finalize the list, which will then be submitted to President Aquino for approval.

The board, the source said, must come up with the list before the first semester ends on June 30.

Defence Secretary Fidel V. Ramos has authorised the AFP to promote 18 new brigadier-generals within the first semester, but tough and rigid screening has delayed their promotions.

"The AFP wants to remove subjectivity in the screening process," an official told the Inquirer. One of the points considered, he said, was a tour of duty in Mindanao which scored high points.

A total of 33 brigadier-generals — 25 from the military and eight from the Integrated National Police — were promoted last December. They filled up the vacancies left by members of the Philippine Military Academy class '57 which retired en masse in April, 1988.

Presidential Decree 360 allows the AFP to have 107 generals, but actual records show the AFP has only 67 officers with the star rank.

The same source said the promotions scheduled this month will also trigger the one-rank promotions of lieutenant colonels, majors, captains, first lieutenants and second lieutenants.

Cory to Congress

Work double time

PRESIDENT Aquino this week said he will urge Congress to work double time for the enactment of a law standardizing the salaries of government employees on or before July 1 to October 1.

But if it would not be possible to implement the law immediately, its benefits would be paid retroactive to July, the President said.

The President made the promise at the Cabinet meeting, the last to be attended by outgoing Press Secretary Teodoro Benigno.

Benigno's irrevocable resignation took effect on May 16. His replacement has not been named.

As Aquino was issuing her promise, the House of Representatives approved on second reading the standardization bill increasing the salaries of government employees.

The P81 increase for rank and file employees will take effect on July 1. Increase for Cabinet members, undersecretaries and bureau chiefs will take effect next year while that of the president (P40,000 new salary), vice-president (P32,000) and members of Congress (P28,000) will be paid only in July 1992.

The lowest paid government employee will get P1,700. Funds for the salary increases have already been included in the 1989 budget.

Rebels execute five hostages

By Danny Calleja

LEGAZPI CITY: Communist rebels executed the three government troopers and two civilians they captured in a raid on a military detachment in a farming village in Tinambac, Camarines Sur last week, according to the military.

The constabulary regional command headquarters at Camp Bagong Ibalon here said the bodies of PC Cpl. Eduardo Romeron, fireman Demetrio Asero of the Tinambac police-station and civilian armed forces geographical unit volunteer Alex Ubales and the two civilians were found in a common grave in Barangay Buayo, Tinambac Wednesday.

The identities of two victims who were believed to be civilians were not immediately

known.

In other developments, two constabulary soldiers were killed and four others were wounded seriously in an ambush by some 30 rebels in Besao, Mountain Province, Tuesday afternoon.

An unhealed anti-communist group yesterday claimed responsibility for the killing of a Protestant minister and her husband in Misamis Occidental last May 1.

The PC report said residents in the area led Army soldiers to the grave in Tinambac.

The victims were abducted by the New People's Army rebels in a raid on a military detachment in the same barangay last week, the report said. Two of the abducted CAFGU men managed to escape, apparently helped by a woman rebel who died in the escape. The amazon reportedly fell in love with one of the CAFGU men.

The bodies, according to the report, bore signs of torture. Romeron's head was shattered by bullets and his ears were missing while the CAFGU militiaman's head and tongue were severed, the reports added.

The other victims were recovered still hog-tied and with bullets and stab wounds in different parts of the body, the report said.

Lt Col Ramon Garcia, commanding officer of the Army's 1st Infantry Battalion based in Pampanga, Camarines Sur, described the killing as inhuman.

"We are more concerned on the fate of the two civilians who were mercilessly killed without valid reason," Garcia said.

He also challenged human rights advocates to find justice for the victims.

Killed in the Mountain Province ambush were Constables Ramiro Faltivan and Mario Ben.

P13-billion cash deficit

Less reliance on foreign loans

By Ernesto Tolentino

THE national government is committed to resort to less peso borrowings even as it continues to rely more on local credit rather than on foreign loans next year to finance a P13-billion projected cash deficit.

The level of peso borrowing will be significantly lower than this year's amount, a development expected to ease the pressure on the costs of credit.

On the other hand, foreign loan transactions are programmed to rise and result in a net dollar inflow.

The cabinet approved on Wednesday an obligation budget for 1990 of P238.4 billion. This translates into a cash budget of P193 billion which is P13 billion more than the projected revenue level of P180 billion.

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) data shows that P9 billion of the budget shortfall will be sourced locally through the flotation of government securities, like Treasury bills (T-bills), notes and bonds. The balance, P4 billion,

will be raised by tapping foreign loans.

Next year's programmed peso borrowing will be equivalent to 0.8 per cent of the projected gross national product (GNP) of P1,076.7 billion. It will be lower than this year's net peso borrowing of P16.4 billion which is 1.7 per cent of the target P945.8 billion GNP.

The government's foreign borrowing for 1990 will mean a net inflow of P4 billion that will account for 0.4 per cent of GNP. This is a reversal of the government's current foreign loan transactions which will result in a net outflow of \$1.1 billion or minus 0.1 per cent of GNP.

The P193 billion cash budget next year will account for 13.4 per cent of GNP. It represents a 16.8 per cent increase over the current year's level of P165.2 billion or 17.5 per cent of GNP.

The bulk of P151.6 billion of the cash budget is allotted for current operating expenses. The balance is divided into P34.8 billion for capital outlays and P6.6 billion for net lending.

House approves bills

New police force

THE House of Representatives passed on final reading a bill seeking to establish the Philippine National Police (PNP), replacing the Philippine Constabulary-Integrated National Police (PC-INP).

Earlier, the chamber approved on second reading two other bills — one, seeking to construct two livestock markets in each of the 200 congressional districts, and the other seeking to transfer all cases involving military personnel from military to civil courts.

Congressmen voted 146-3 on the PNP bill after sharp disagreement over the definition of "civilian police" which is constitutionally mandated.

As approved, HB 2361 stipulates that members of police forces shall automatically serve in the PNP. Constabulary members will have to undergo examinations to qualify.

The proposed PNP is to be directly supervised by the National Police Commission whose chairman should come from the civilian police.

The livestock bill, jointly sponsored by Representatives Jose Cojuangco Jr. (LDP, Tarlac) and Salvador Escudero (KBL, Sorsogon), seeks to lower the prices of livestock by doing away with middlemen who impose huge margins on farmgate prices.

As projected by Cojuangco and Escudero, the enactment of the bill requires an appropriation of P160 million to construct 400 livestock markets which will be managed directly by local government units.

The Bureau of Animal Industry will help local officials run these markets, said Escudero, a former agriculture minister.

Midday ambush in Manila

Crooked cops behind policeman's murder

By Dave Veridiano

POLICE are investigating a gang of lawmen involved in the foreign exchange business in connection with the killing of Maj. Romeo Clavio and his policeman bodyguard.

The group, composed mostly of Constabulary soldiers and Manila policemen, had been implicated in previous hulidap cases in Binondo and Ermita, an investigator who refused to be identified said.

Hulidap refers to crooked cops' practice of arresting criminals and letting them free without any charges but minus their money.

In a meeting of top officers of the Western Police District a few hours after Clavio and four of his companions were ambushed on Jones Bridge in Manila, a consensus was reached that the hulidap gang was behind the ambush.

The meeting, presided over by WPD superintendent Brig. Gen. Alfredo Lim, also discounted the possibility that the New People's Army's Sparrow units were behind the killing.

"It was a plain robbery perpetrated by lawmen involved in the same business," one officer who attended the meeting told the Inquirer.

The theory was bolstered by the pictures taken by Bob Dungo Sr., chief photographer of the Manila Bulletin, of the actual attack from the nearby National Press Club building.

Dungo gave police investigators blow-up pictures of the ambush which gave away the identities of the suspects.

Investigators said they expected to make arrests soon. Also killed in the mid-day ambush and Pat. Valentin Roque, 31, of the WPD Intelligence and Special Action Division (ISAD).

Clavio, 44, a staff officer of the Philippine National Police Academy, and Roque were shot in the head and body. Roque died on the spot while Clavio died few hours later at the Manila Medical Centre.

Wounded were Pfc. Rodolfo Buenaventura, 26, and Pat. Raul Camelon, 30, both detailed at the WPD intelligence section, and driver Reynaldo C. Destura, 31, a civilian.

Police reports said Clavio, accompanied by three policemen, had just withdrawn some P3 million from the Binondo branch of the Rizal Commercial Banking Corp.

'It's a sham'

Leftists criticise land reforms

LEFTIST peasant leaders described as a failure the government's Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Programme (CARP) and warned it could spark unrest in the countryside.

Loopholes in the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Law (CARL) had prevented the government from implementing a "genuine agrarian reform," according to the Congress for a People's Agrarian Reform (CPAR).

"No meaningful land transfer has taken place in the past year, and after one year it is proven that CARL is a farce," said Francisco Baltazar, CPAR spokesman.

Congress enacted CARL (RA 6657) on June 10 last year over the protests of peasants, who said the law had been "watered down" by pro-landlord legislators, making it an ineffective instrument for changing an "unjust social system" of land ownership.

Rafael Mariano, secretary-general of the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, said the scandal involving the overpricing of 1,889 hectares of land in Garchitorena, Camarines Sur was "an example of how loopholes in the law favoured landlords."

The peasant leaders said the only thing the Aquino administration has accomplished is the distribution of rice and corn land which merely continued the 1972 land reform programme of deposed President Marcos.

CPAR leaders said the 237,325 land titles the government has distributed covered rice and corn lands, and most of these were given out during the Marcos regime.

The peasant leaders said unrest was spreading in the countryside, with many farmer forcibly occupying lands or refusing to pay rent to landowners.

Oscar Castillo, another CPAR leader, said the government cannot blame the peasants for taking radical measures because of their poverty.

The peasant leaders criticized Aquino for failing to make land reform work as a centerpiece programme of her administration.

They said agrarian reform would only work if the People's Agrarian Reform Code (PARCODE) would be enacted into law. PARCODE was drafted by peasants organizations two years ago as alternative to CARL.

Baltazar said they have gathered some 500,000 signatures from farmers calling for the repeal of the CARL.

Around 6,000 farmers belonging to 12 peasant organizations will mark the CARL anniversary today with a day-long march to be capped by a Pulong Bayan in Quezon City.

At Malacanang meanwhile, Aquino hit back at opposition Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile for saying she had used her influence to evade the distribution of Hacienda Luisita, which her family owns.

"I am wondering that for somebody who is not exactly the paragon of virtue, he hurls accusations left and right," Aquino said. "If, indeed, he has grounds to do this, then he should do it in the proper manner."

She was reacting to Enrile's charges that she had sabotaged her own land reform programme by distribution stocks to the workers rather than breaking up the 6,000-hectare sugar plantation.

Enrile has called for a Senate inquiry into the scheme adopted by Hacienda Luisita under which tenants would own 33-per cent of the shares of stocks over a period of 30 years.

Enrile said the scheme allowed Aquino's family to retain control over their biggest private property.

Justice delayed... is justice denied

Cory slams legal system

PRESIDENT Cory Aquino denounced the slow dispensation of justice in the country which she said posed a greater peril to the economy than the 20-year-old communist insurgency.

"The value of assets immobilized in litigation is already beyond estimation. The insecurity of property rights because of judicial delay has had a far more chilling effect on further investments in our economy than the insurgency," she said.

Aquino was the main speaker at the 88th anniversary celebration of the Supreme Court, the highest judicial body in the country. She has appointed several members of the 15-member tribunal, including Chief Justice Marcelo Fernan, after she came to power in 1986.

She repeated previous calls to the Supreme Court and the lower courts all over the country to hasten resolution of cases.

"The judges have been put on notice to dispose of cases within defined periods. The judges, I understand, would like to serve the same notice on the Supreme Court," she said.

The President attacked the justice system amid growing complaints from litigants on the length of time cases take before they are up for resolution.

Aquino is herself a victim of

the system. Her husband was assassinated six years ago, but the case might not be resolved before her term expires in 1991.

"We are troubled to hear it said in this country justice cannot be had, unless it is bought," Aquino said, adding that it might be an exaggeration but the view was damaging the integrity of the courts.

The President said common crimes are spreading at home and on the streets. This, with the structural weakness of the economy, the legacy of debt, and the corrupt values that lingered from the past regime, had taken a terrible toll on the country.

"Yet the heaviest toll is exacted by one simple act repeated again and again throughout our society: A man is denied justice, not in the streets, but in the courts," Aquino said.

Chief Justice Fernan said the Supreme Court has been experimenting with the mode of continuous trial in selected courts to speed up resolution of cases.

"While we happily note that the President is fully supportive of our reform efforts, for these efforts to succeed, government support must be complemented by a firm resolve by the bench and the bar to see these reform efforts to fruition," Fernan said.

Home sweet home

By Robert R. Requiniana

FOR 20-year-old Rowell King and 40 others of his kind, they have finally found a home that could give them all the care and happiness in the world.

They are no longer the street-children of Cubao, Quezon City who roam the streets, not knowing what the day will bring.

Dark-skinned King and his younger friends are the beneficiaries of the Abot-Palad cottages of the Kaisahang Buhay Foundation, Inc. located in the vicinity of Boy's Town in Parang, Marikina.

Back in his younger days, he claimed that a streetchild in the city would make a living by calling taxi cabs for shoppers. On peak days, they would get as much as P100,000.

Still the amount could not augment their daily needs and they had to resort to stealing. But instead of buying food, they would

resort to "solvent-sniffing" to satisfy their empty stomachs. The solvent reportedly come from suppliers in Divisoria and Avenida.

King recalled he had been in jail six times. He would often run away from the orphanages because he disliked the way they treated him.

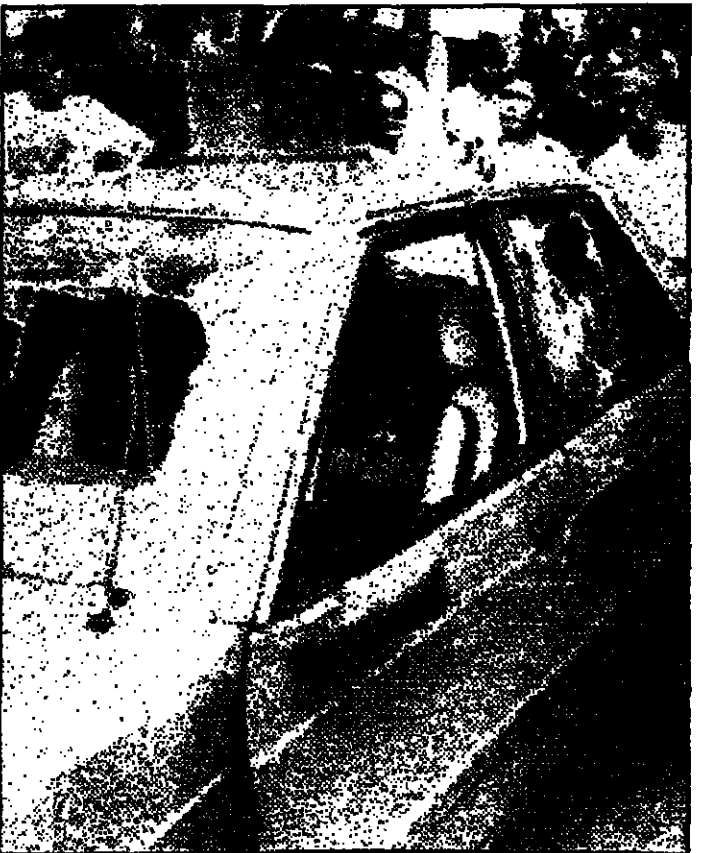
Today, King and his friends expect to transfer to the cottages which will be used as reception centres. Their hopes for new life depends on the Kaisahang Buhay Foundation, headed by Gloria A. Gonzales.

King was given the responsibility by Gonzales to take care of the children and guide them in their daily activities. "I am used to these kind of children because I was once a street-child," he said.

Gonzales said that the street-children, ages seven to 14 years old, will be supervised through the foundation's own resources.



The Kaisahang Buhay Foundation is a licensed family and child welfare agency which offers: services for street children, foster care, day care, etc. The renovation of the cottages was financed by proceeds from the 1988 International Bazaar.



Police inspect bullet-riddled vehicle of Clavio.

Still an oddly-contradictory character

McEnroe: tennis' ageing rich kid?



John McEnroe, the superstar of tennis has battled injury and the frustration of trying to recapture his past magic. He now spouts venom at the new tennis brat pack who, he says, are 'getting away with murder.'



McEnroe throws a tennis tantrum on court and (right) the proud father with the elder of his two sons and wife Tatum.

By Mary Riddel

THE rain was scything down on the marquee roof, and just for an instant, the new image of Mac the Nice began to slip.

For ten minutes the former patron saint of the brat pack had been bending over pushchairs, chatting to other tennis players' toddlers and generally behaving like the No. 1 seed for the title of superdad.

Now a middle-aged woman with a concrete perm was sliding up to his elbow, autograph album outstretched.

"Thanks ever so much for signing this, Mr McEnroe. Could I just ask you to put 'To Jim' in front of your name?"

McEnroe did not turn or look at her. Unsmiling, face set, he rattled out the terse reply. "No, that's all you get."

Last week McEnroe, who has overcome injury and defeat to become a favourite tip for his fourth Wimbledon singles title, arrived back in Britain.

His first public appearance was at a small tennis-cum-cricket club in Beckenham, Kent, which he won. There was much fuss and great secrecy as the guest star was ferried backwards and forwards in his navy blue Jaguar.

None of which altered the fact that his showcase was a crowded, rain-soaked tent at a minor tournament.

It was a bit like finding Willie

Carson at a donkey derby.

So who could blame the new, reasonable, umpire-friendly McEnroe for being just a bit edgy as the weather thwarted his attempts to prepare for the championship he wants so badly to win?

Except that, years after he abandoned the behaviour which made him the average lager lout seem charm school trained, McEnroe is still an oddly-contradictory character.

Last week the hunched, hungry-looking figure in the two-small navy overcoat has been preaching the gospel of soap-powder domesticity.

"I'm a better person. I'm much more aware. Getting

married and having a couple of children has made me that."

No one who listened to him, or watched him gripping the handles of baby buggies as naturally as he holds a tennis racket, could doubt how much his wife, Tatum O'Neal and their two sons, Kevin, three, and Sean, one, mean to him.

People who know him well reinforce the carpet slippers picture. "There's nothing lavish about his house in Malibu," says one friend.

"It's on the main drag, away from the superstar compound where people like Barbra Streisand live, and John nips over the road to the deli to buy bread and milk for the family."



McEnroe: a changed man

"I met him at Dallas airport a couple of months ago, and he was fussing round Tatum and the baby, finding trolleys, collecting all 13 pieces of luggage himself and wheeling them through."

But, for all the cosiness, life for McEnroe has never been ordinary. For a start he married into the O'Neal clan, which has cruised through family life Titanic-style.

His father-in-law, Ryan, described him as a washed-up Irishman.

And he demanded of Tatum: "How can you like this guy?"

His brother-in-law, Griffin, is a former drug addict who was jailed after killing a friend in a boating accident.

And domesticated Tatum, who cooks pancakes for McEnroe after he's been out training, is thought not to be on the best of terms with her mother, Joanna Moore.

It is not the stuff of which Oxo adverts are made. And neither, in the end, is the life of John McEnroe.

His apartment, overlooking Central Park in New York, is worth £1 million. The tennis career he desperately wants to resurrect has earned him a fortune.

And at humble Beckenham, he was rarely parted from an agent called Sergio.

He's a character with a watchful expression and a burgundy-coloured Filofax.

Even Tatum, a child of the

Hollywood jet set, was overwhelmed when she first saw how new boyfriend McEnroe lived. "John took me to this quadplex on Central Park, and I promise you, I couldn't believe my eyes," she said.

"I was overwhelmed. I'd seen nice places before, but this was the most place I'd ever seen."

But McEnroe is more than just one of tennis' ageing rich kids. He is also a man of pride and principle, who refused to play in South Africa and who is passionate about his convictions.

Recently his favourite topic has been the new tennis brat pack.

"I cannot believe that the players accept it," he shouted in the old sharp, querulous voice.

"They show no respect for the top guys. They are getting away with murder."

It would be useless to ask why snarling, sneering Ivan Lendl, who hurled abuse at the crowd as 17-year-old Michael Chang knocked him out of the French Open week, deserves much respect from anyone.

Useless, because once McEnroe gets stuck into a grievance, nothing is going to stop him. And that is when the raw nerves start to show.

Years after the hysterical outbursts, the McEnroe mannerisms are unchanged. The way his forehead wrinkles anxiously. The way he scratches his hair, his arms, his bottom, as if he's incapable of being still.

It took him three-quarters of an hour to dispose of the politics of tennis and the new breed of whizzkids in straight sets.

Afterwards he was surly, watchful, guarded.

"Yeah, my boys will be here to watch me play Wimbledon," he told me.

And what about the report, from a representative of the tournament sponsors, that Tatum was still at home because she had just given birth to a third baby?

"Not true," he said shortly.

The rain was still falling, the blue Jaguar was waiting, and Sergio, of the burgundy Filofax, was hovering.

A lone teenage fan who had waited all day to see her hero was still shivering in the downpour, hoping for a word or a smile.

She caught just a glimpse of an older, more restrained McEnroe.

A man who, at 30, has battled against back injury and the frustration of trying to recapture his past magic — as natural and spontaneous as the old temper tantrums and screaming fits.



Borg's old love Jannike with the couple's son, Robin.

Baby Borg crisis

BITTERNESS between former tennis star Bjorn Borg and his ex-girlfriend over their son Robin is wrecking the boy's life, it is claimed. Robin's mother, Jannike Bjorling, says the child's jet-set lifestyle has made him aggressive and depressed.

The three-year-old spends two weeks with her in Stockholm. Then he flies to Milan for a fortnight with Borg and his new girlfriend, Italian pop singer Loredana Berté.

"Robin is not growing up normally. He has nightmares and doesn't eat properly," said 22-year-old Jannike. "He is aggressive and bursts into a temper at the slightest thing."

Now she is applying to a Stockholm court for full custody rights. The case is due to be heard in August.

The ex-Wimbledon champion, who earned more than £35 million from the sport, will fight her claim for custody and £950 monthly child support.

Borg's lawyer said: "It's normal for a three-year-old to have eating problems and occasional nightmares." He also claimed that Jannike had failed to turn up for a meeting with Borg to arrange an out-of-court settlement.

Jannike said: "There's no point. Bjorn is an egoist who always wants his own way. He doesn't think of Robin's welfare, only of his own comfort."

Graf's poor boyfriend

STEFFI GRAF's boyfriend has spoken of the pressure of going out with the world's No. 1 tennis star.

Alexander Mronz has known the 19-year-old German millionaire for four years. But since their relationship became public, he has had to share her life in the spotlight.

The 24-year-old tennis player, ranked 164 in the world, has had bitchy comments in locker rooms and nasty messages on his answering machine.

A typical comment is: "He only wants her for her money." Mronz said: "I can't understand their rudeness."

"Some awful things have been said," he revealed during the French Open, after he lost his match and Steffi won through to the next round.

But his answer to everything is: "It's just a natural, normal relationship. There is nothing phoney about it."

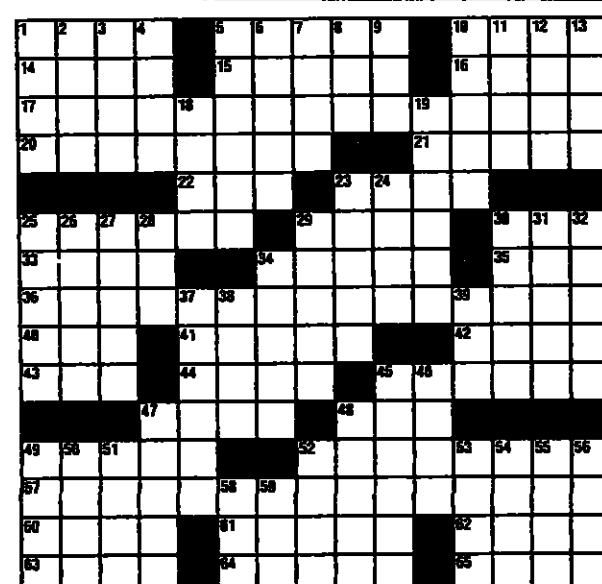
Mronz, who earned around £30,000 last year, is used to the constant comparisons between their careers and their wealth. Steffi, who has won every major world tournament, has made close to £3 million.

"I don't worry about it. He doesn't intimidate me. At the beginning it was a bit strange but I'm getting used to it. If people try to make pressure for me, I can't do much about it."

"I have nothing to do with her tennis. But I know what I see, and that is a superb athlete. I admire her. She deserves everything she has, whereas some women earn lots for playing ping-pong tennis."

And he is philosophical about the future. "Steffi and I get along very well right now, but who knows how long it will last."

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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠A5 ♥72 ♦A87 ♣J109542
Partner opens the bidding with a demand bid of two spades. What do you respond?

A.—Nothing's perfect. It is a choice between three spades and three clubs. For the former, you want a third spade; for the latter, you would like a better suit. Our own preference is for three clubs, since a club slam might be your best spot, but the arguments for three spades are weighty.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠Q7632 ♥AK1076 ♦7 ♣83

Your right-hand opponent opens one club. What action do you take?

A.—Unless you have a specialized bid available that shows a limited major two-suiter, such as a Michaels cue-bid, you should plan on showing both your suits. Therefore, overall one spade, with the intention of bidding hearts at your next turn unless the auction is too high.

Q.3—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠KJ762 ♥5 ♦AJ82 ♣J105

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ 2 ♦ ?

2 ♠ Pass ?

3 ♥ Pass ?

What action do you take?

A.—A tough problem. Despite the probable misfit, there should be a game somewhere. Since partner is showing a good, long suit, four hearts has considerable appeal, but it's a trifle unilateral. We would opt for three no trump—partner can still act if his hand is not suitable.

Q.4—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A8 ♥762 ♦J103 ♣KQ652

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ 2 ♦ ?

2 ♠ Pass ?

3 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—Partner has made a move toward game, and were it not for the quality of your heart support, you would consider going straight to four hearts since you have a maximum. Under the circumstances, though, we prefer showing partner where our length and strength is—bid three clubs.

Q.5—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠J ♥AJ3 ♦AQ964 ♣A987

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♥ Pass 2 ♦ Pass

2 ♥ Pass ?

What do you bid now?

A.—If you jumped to four hearts, you have judged your holding much too pessimistically. With three aces, a singleton and a trump fit, you are in slam territory. Complete the picture of your hand by bidding three clubs now, then jumping in hearts at your next turn, even if you have to go to the five-level.

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YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

The Moon's influence will help you to see eye to eye with your partner. You will have to combat a tendency to leave everything until the last moment. Try not to get into a muddle. Be forgiving.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Make sure you are sitting comfortably. Your lucky numbers are 12 and 37. You should not expect everyone to be totally at your service. If you want to keep a friend stand by him. Do not come between two married friends. Be cordial.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should seek to avoid sitting down all day, take a bit of a break. Do not let your impulses and temptations get the better of you. Make sure you keep to limits, speed or otherwise. Be trustworthy.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Do not do anything that would positively harm your health. Venus' influence will help you to make the right choice. You are liable to say something you do not mean, so think before you speak. Be reliable.



Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)

The Moon's better influence coupled with that of Mars will help you to overcome some personal antipathies. You will be able to have a good laugh, but do not be malicious. Do not rest on your laurels, keep striving. Be firm.



Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)

You will have the wind in your sails but do make sure you are steering in the right direction. You should try not to make a nuisance of yourself. Pay attention to details but do not allow them to become predominant. Be sincere.



Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)

You will be able to do something you like doing, but you must not neglect your chores. You will have something to be pleased about. Do not spend more than you can really afford. Be tolerant.



Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)

You will find it difficult to make up your mind, but then you will make the right choice. You will be able to make use of a good opportunity. You will be able to avoid an embarrassing situation. Be yourself.



Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)

You should not believe all you hear. You will find it difficult to avoid getting into a muddle, but you should try. The Moon's better influence will help you to stay in touch. Be generous.



Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)

You will easily get bored and should do all you can to avoid it. You should use a little more tact and charm and a little less force. Make sure you do not eat more than you need to maintain your weight. Be consistent.



Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)

Do not do anything that you are not sure about. Make sure that you do not get out of touch. Keep your eyes on the alternatives. Be willing to learn.



Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)

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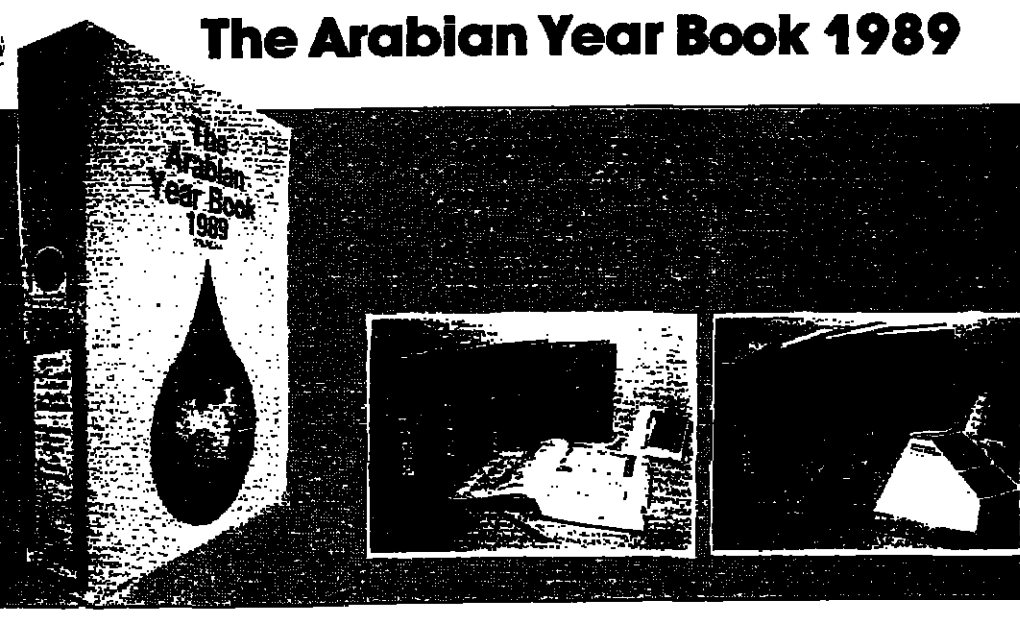
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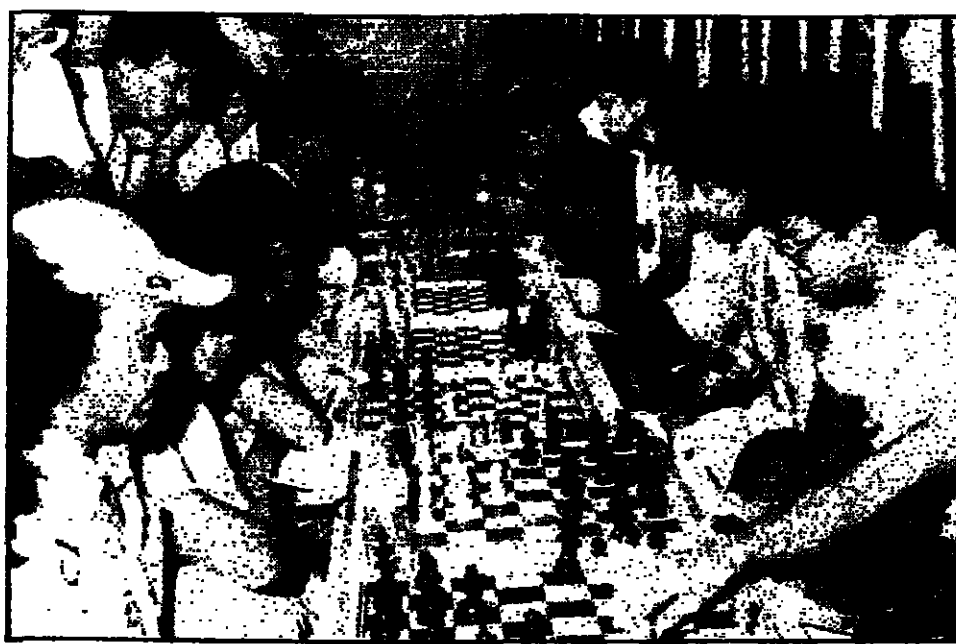
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An action shot of the Woodgroup-Pampanga game.



Chess players ponder their moves.



A darts player takes careful aim.

(Photos by Haitam Murshed)

Magnolia hold on to outplay EEI

By Gil Bangalan

Durrani ladies defeat Hatid Ligaya

MAGNOLIA Ice Cream outplayed EEI-Kamish Al Aryan, 103-97, and took lead position in Group B at the Filipino Palaro '89 basketball games at the Keifan gymnasium on Friday.

The Magnolia quintet wasted no time in setting the pace of the game as Reyes and Zalavarría completed two consecutive baskets to give Magnolia an early lead in the first 30 seconds of the game.

EEI-Kamish was forced to call for an early time-out when they realized their game plan was not working for them. Magnolia widened their lead as Menez and Calalay each looped in 3-pointers. Garcia retaliated with his own 3 pointer and narrowed the gap to 8 pts.

EEI-Kamish's defenses crumpled under the driving onslaught of Magnolia, giving the lead to Magnolia at the end of the half time with the score 53-41.

As play resumed for the last half period, Zalavarría, a former player for the EEI team, went on a shooting spree pumping in 6 consecutive baskets to give Magnolia a commanding lead early in the second half. Magnolia's fans went on a frenzy as combination whittled down the difference to 10 points with 8 mins to go.

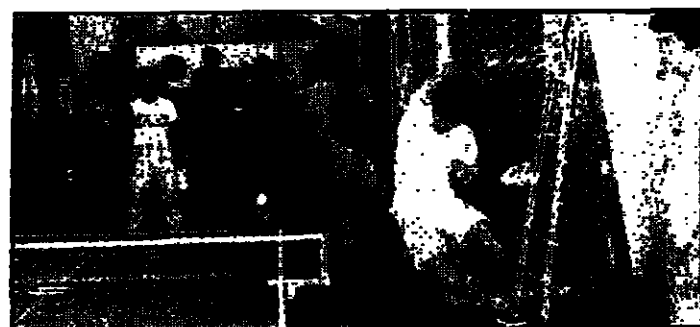
Again, Garcia-Barcelona-Lugo fast-break play further shaved off Magnolia's lead to only 5 points with 3 mins 36 secs remaining in regular time. But shooting ace Reyes and Babierra broke EEI-Kamish's rally.

Calalay and Zalavarría sealed the fate of EEI-Kamish when they pumped in a basket each to put icing to their much-needed victory. EEI-Kamish still have a chance to grab one of the top two slots in their group when they face the KPBC quintet in the games scheduled for the next weeks.

In the other match in Group B, an inspired Pizza Italia gave the vaunted KPBC five a run for the basket as they turned the game, relegated by most to be one of those one-sided matches, into an exciting fight.

The Pizzamakers, mentored from the side by no less than Pizza Italia's manager, Chawky Barakat, proved to the delight of the SRO crowd that teamwork and the will to win against all odds can accomplish what most would deem unthinkable.

KPBC found themselves trailing behind the Pizzamakers from



A table tennis player puts all his force behind a shot.



Spectators watch with awe as a darts player shoots true.



KAPILKU officials at the Keifan gymnasium.

the starting buzzer, as Pizza Italia's Alojado, Junto, and Pantulgo broke KPBC's defense and scored at will. Half-time score stood at 41-38 with Pizza Italia leading.

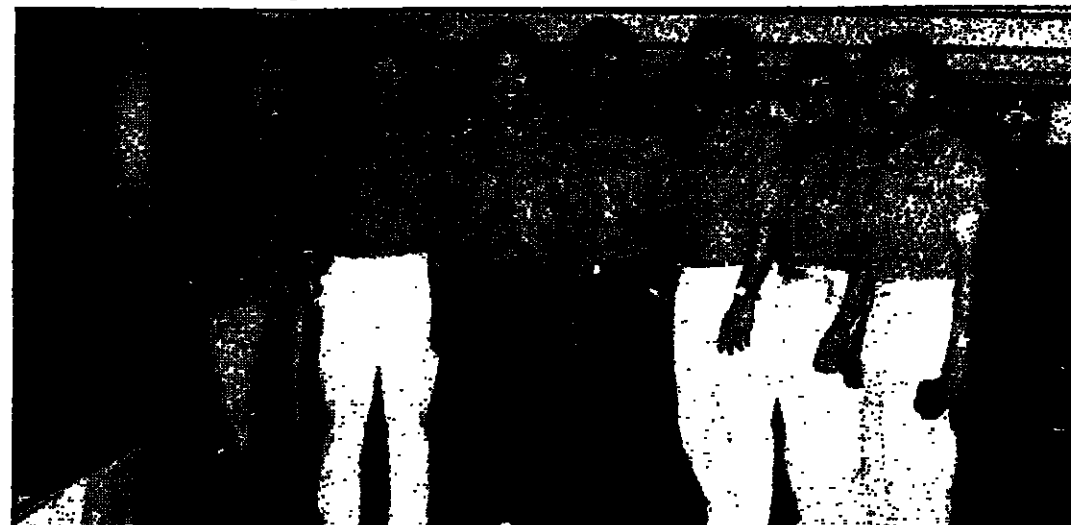
KPBC resumed the game in full force, fielding their best five. Pizza Italia remained unimpaired. KPBC's deeper bench, however, prevailed over the smaller and apparently exhausted Pizzamakers. KPBC slowly inched up to overtake Pizza Italia's lead employing their known fastbreak and power plays towards the dying minutes of the game.

Pizza Italia yielded but not before proving that they could

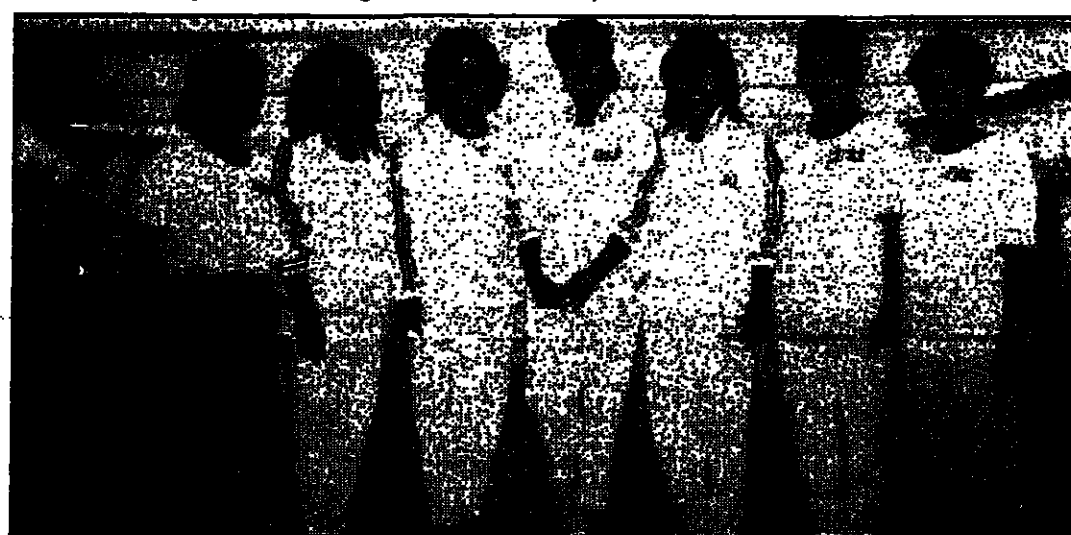
hold their ground against a much taller and more seasoned KPBC. Pantulgo set a record of finishing the game with 24 points, all completed from the 3-points area.

KPBC joins Magnolia for the top position in the Group.

In Group A, Al Rashid Supermarket routed Kuwait International Hotel, 90-57, and shares the lead with Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh with a 2-win-0-loss record. Top scorers for Al Rashid were Velasco with 23 points, Hoffer — 16, and Manalor 12, while on the KIH side, Morales scored 22 points, followed by Ong with 11 points. Still in Group A, Dollarco Exchange overcame Refrigeration Ind.



FRM Design Studio bowling team. From left: Sonny, Klin, Toto, Celso, Ding, Egay and Rene.



The Far East Ladies bowling squad. From left: Malov, Baby, Cora, Bojo, Jo, Cecile and Eva.

Ladies Volleyball

The Durrani Exchangespiers defeated Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh to win their first sortie in the 5-teams ladies Volleyball tourney. Durrani banked on the formidable spiking form of Noreen to triumph over the Hatid Ligaya volleybells. It took Durrani 4 sets to seal the game's outcome, 15-2, 11-15, 15-4, and 15-2.

Al Rashid Freight, on the other hand, took 2 hours and 36 mins and extended the game to the full five sets before subduing the Greek House six. Al Rashid took the first set, 17-16, but lost their momentum to give Greek House the advantage in the next two sets.

Recovering from their mild shock, Al Rashid rallied behind the volleys of Maricon, Rose and Tessa and win the fourth set, 15-12. On the deciding set, Al Rashid broke Greek House's services to win, 15-8, and finish the game in jubilation.

Standings

Men's basketball		
Group A	Gp	Win Loss
Hatid Ligaya	2	2 0
Al Rashid	2	2 0
Dollarco	2	2 0
Kay & Asso	2	1 1
Refrigeration Ind. Co	2	0 2
Kuwait Int'l Hotel	3	0 3
Group B		
Magnolia	2	2 0
KPBC	2	2 0
EEI-Kamish	3	2 1

Pizza Italia	2	0	2
Nissan Al B	2	0	2
Soft Rock	1	0	1
Group C			
Woodgroup	2	2	0
Pampanga	2	1	1
ASCO	1	1	0
Kwt Danish	1	0	1
KALEXCO	2	0	2
Group D			
SAS Hotel	2	2	0
Kwt Regency	1	1	0
Los Compadres	1	1	0
Sony	2	0	2
Kwt Hotels	2	0	2

Schedule of Games
Friday, June 23, 1989

8:00 A Al Rashid, vs Hatid Ligaya-Abugosh; 9:30 B Soft Rock/Cafe, vs Nissan Al Bahrain; 11:00 C KALEXCO, vs Kwt Danish Dairy; 12:30 D

Kuwait Hotels Co, vs Kuwait Regency Hotel; 2:00 A Ref. Ind. Co., vs Kay & Associates; 3:30 VL, FCC Shell, vs Durrani Exchange; 4:30 VL, Hatid Ligaya, vs Al Rashid Freight; 6:00 B Pizza Italia, vs Magnolia Ice Cream.

Other events taking place concurrently at the Keifan Gymnasium include table tennis, chess and darts.

Athletics

The track and field finals which were to be held on Thursday, June 15, will now be held on Friday, June 23, at the Keifan Track Oval at 8:30 am. The event had to be postponed on Thursday due to bad weather.



Basketball officials watch one of the games at the Keifan gym.



A Woodgroup player tries to penetrate the Pampanga defence.



Some Pampanga players watch the game from the bench.



Woodgroup substitutes watch their team in action.

Six teams reach final round of Palarong bowling competition

By Sonny Mariano

The men's division of the Palarong Pilipino Bowling Competition played their last game of the elimination round with everybody giving all they've got in a mad scramble for the three finals berth at stake in Groups A and B.

Defending champions Abughosh-Hatid Ligaya Forwarders moved one step closer in achieving their goal of retaining their title by outplaying the Ambassador Merchants 3 games to 1.

The victory put them on top of the final standing in Group A and made them the top finalist as well. It was again the tenacious brand of bowling which Mar Evangelista showed that inspired the team but not to be outdone were the feat of Manny Inserto (574) and Jun Cheng (571).

The upset conscious Merchants who did not make things easy for their

tormentors was led by Bada Borja (589), Tyan Abdon (542) and Burt Ramos (526).

In the battle for the other finals berth, the Alghanim Freight Movers remained within striking distance of the leaders after they eliminated the Chiquita Banana Magnates by a score of 4 games to none. The Freight Movers, who placed second in the final standings, got an outstanding performance from Rico Pino who collected a score of 611 pinfalls followed by Wally Flores with 565 and Artur Reyes with 527.

The Banana Magnates who made a gallant stand before bowing out had Pete Valisno Jr (534), Tony Lacson (527) and Banana King Lando Caburao as their shotmakers.

Magnolia, on the other hand, secured their place in the finals by holding off the strong finish of Najd Airnote: flavour of day for the ice

Cream Makers was Bennie Guimoy who topscored for his team with his 3-game series of 573 while Mars Balisi (528) and Edwin Nepomuceno provided the topplings. Top Gunners for the Airmen were Mando Alejandro with 551, George Gaerlan (531) and Peping Ilagan.

In Group B action, Jabriyah Club emerged as the top finalist after they won by default over the FCC-Shell showbiz boys.

Other Group B matches saw FRM Design Studio who need only two games to make it to the top 3, get more than what they wanted when they defeated Trico 4 games to none.

The Designers who took over the second position in the Group B final standing was led to its most impressive performance by Sonny Mariano (538), Ding Celeste (524) and Celso Estrade (511).

An off form Trico Door to Door

Shippers had Roger (532), Ojie Olor (485) and Dodie Bautista as their top scorers.

Meanwhile, Garfield lost all its chances of entering the finals when they drew with the NTC Traders 2 games apiece. Garfield actually needs to sweep their remaining games to stay in contention but they found the traders a real tough nut to crack. The best pin toppers for NTC were Lito Lebreros (535), Mito Coronado (493) and Ric, Garfield was led by Jun Q. (531), P.J. Oblena (495) and Ted Yap (492).

Other results:

Women's Division Group A

Far East Restaurant reasserted its supremacy over Al Rashid by winning over the door to door experts twice in a row. Jo Reyes was a standout in the Far East menu when she compiled a 3-game total of 567. Cora Paras (524) and Bojo Hamdan (507) provided the

much needed appetizers. The scoring lead for Al Rashid was carried by Nitz Aliena (514), Mercy Laborce (510) and Amy Abdon (509).

Group B Abughosh-Hatid Ligaya came back in style after their crashing defeat last week from the Alghanim Lady Freight Movers. This time it was the Lady Forwarders turn to showoff as they won in similar fashion four games to nil. Florence led all scorers for Abughosh with her 503 followed by Helen Inserto (433) and Vicky Mendoza (390). The Lady Freight Movers were led by Gina G. (529), Emma S. (438) and Beth N.

In the other Group B match, the Trico Lady Shippers almost staged an upset win over the Kabayan Restaurant team. Kabayan was just lucky enough to survive the full fury of Trico who depended on skipper Chary Nepomuceno for its strong showing.

Adding the all important support were Vangie Simoy and Vangie G. The main course for Kabayan were Femy de

Mesa, Chit Acosta and Beng Gutierrez who saved the day for Kabayan after Trico forced them to a 2-2 draw.

Final standings — Men's Division

	Games played	Games won	Games lost	Points for	Total Pinfalls	Average
Abughosh-Hatid Ligaya	15	15	5	15	13492	899
Alghanim Freight	15	14	6	14	13339	889
Magnolia	15	12	8	12	13322	888
Chiquita	15	8	12	8	12809	861
Najo Airnote	15	7	13	7	13211	881
Ambassador	15	4	16	4	12644	843
Group B						
Jabriyah Club	15	16	4	16	12574	838
FRM Design Club	15	14.5	5.5	14.5	12306	820
Trico	15	12	8	12	12112	807
Garfield	15	10	10	10	12191	813
NTC	15	7.5	12.5	7.5	12081	803
FCC-Shell	15	0	20	0	7668	511
Women's Division						
Far East	12	9	7	9	10033	836
Al Rashid	12	7	9	7	9925	827
Group B						
Kabayan	12	12	4	12	9171	764
Trico	12	7	9	7	8775	731
Abughosh-Hatid Ligaya	12	7	9	7	8462	705
Alghanim	12	6	10	6	8914	743

Sasser puts Mets ahead in eighth

PHILADELPHIA, June 17 (AP) — New York survived blowing an eight-run, first-inning lead and outlasted Philadelphia 15-11 last night as Mackey Sasser put the Mets ahead with a two-run pinch-double in the eighth inning.

It was the second time in two weeks that the Phillies rallied from a big first-inning deficit. On June 8, the Pirates scored 10 runs in the first inning at Veterans Stadium and the Phillies rallied for a 15-11 victory. This time, they fell short.

Voe Hayes doubled with out in the seventh off Don Aase. Randy Myers relieved, and after Hayes moved to third on a groundout, Juan Samuel tripled to give the Phillies an 11-10 lead.

Gregg Jefferies reached on a throwing error leading off the Mets; eighth, and Steve Bedrosian, 2-3, relieved. Lee Mazzilli drew a two-out pinch walk and Sasser followed with a two-run double to right. Sasser scored on Len Dykstra sacrifice fly.

Myers, 6-2, pitched 2 2-3 innings for the victory.

Elsewhere yesterday: Montreal 8, Chicago 5; St. Louis 6, Pittsburgh 3; San Diego 1, Atlanta 3; Los Angeles 1, Cincinnati 5; San Francisco 4, Expos 3; Cubs 5.

Montreal moved into first place in the National League East last night as Hubie Brooks and Andres Galarraga each had three hits and two RBIs, leading the Expos past Chicago.

Cardinals 6, Pirates 2.

Scott Terry allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings and Milt Thompson drove in two runs as St. Louis beat Pittsburgh.

Astros 3, Padres 1.

Bill Doran and Glenn Davis homered as Houston beat San Diego. Jim Clancy, 5-4, allowed five hits and no runs in 6 2-3 innings for his fourth straight victory.

Brewers 8, Twins 6.

With two outs in seventh, runners on second and third and the Twins leading 6-5, left-hander Gary Wayne came in to face the slumping Greg Brock, a left-handed batter.

Brock lined a two-run, two-strike single and the Milwaukee Brewers went on to beat Minnesota 8-6.

Chuck Crim, 6-3, the third of four Milwaukee pitchers, worked 1 2-3 innings. Dan Plesac pitched the ninth and earned his 16th save.

Minnesota reliever Juan Berenguer, 4-3, walked pinch-hitter Bill Spiers to lead off the seventh and Gary Sheffield hit into a force play.

In other action yesterday: New York 8-6, Texas 3-1; Oakland 7-1, Baltimore 5-5; Cleveland 1, Kansas City 0; Toronto 4, Seattle 3; California 9, Detroit 4; Boston 2, Chicago 0.

Yankees 6, Rangers 3.

Andy Hawkins and Jimmy Jones pitched the Yankees to their second sweep in a week, leading New York past Texas 8-3 and 6-1 last night in a rain-delayed doubleheader that lasted nearly nine hours.

Athletics 7, Orioles 5.

Orleans 5, Athletics 1.

Jay Tibbs scattered six hits in seven innings and Joe Orsulak drove in two runs as Baltimore beat Oakland to earn a split in its two-night doubleheader. In the first game, Ron Hassey in three runs with a single and two-run homer and Oakland turned five double plays.

Indians 1, Royals 0.

Bud Black pitched a six-hitter for his first shutout since 1985 and Pete O'Brien drew a bases-loaded walk from Tom Gordon with two outs in the bottom of the ninth as Cleveland beat Kansas City.

Rehn and Ljung help Sweden defeat depleted Brazil

COPENHAGEN, June 17, (Reuters) — Sweden, starting from a 6-0 drubbing by Denmark two days ago, tightened their game yesterday to beat a depleted Brazil 2-1.

The Swedish attack, showing urgency and determination, repeatedly took the game to the Brazilian penalty area in the

opening period.

In the 26th minute Stefan Rehn took a pass from Klas Inngesson and rattled it into the Brazilian goal.

Three minutes after the break, Ljung put the Swedes two up from the penalty spot.

Brazil, playing their first match of a

European Tour before the South American championships next month, found better form in the second half and managed to pressurise the Swedish defence.

They were rewarded with a 79th minute goal from close range after a cross by Valdo.

The match, the second in the triangular tournament celebrating the Danish Football Union's centenary, was marred by frequent fouls. Brazilian captain Ricardo was booked in the 39th minute for bringing down Roland Nilsson.

Brazil, missing several of their best players due to club commitments, play

Denmark tomorrow.

Sebastiao Lazaroni, the Brazilian manager brought back from Saudi Arabia to revive the national team, said his side had played a cold first half.

"The second half was completely different," he said. "I want the team to play as they did in the second half."

Strange takes one-shot US Open lead

Kite moves into second place

ROCHESTER, June 17, (Reuters) — Curtis Strange, trying to become the first man in 38 years to retain his US Open title, surged into the lead with a magnificent 64 in the second round yesterday at Oak Hill Country Club.

Strange had an eagle, five birdies and one bogey to match the competitive course record and take a one-stroke lead over Tom Kite in a remarkable day that saw four players make holes-in-one on the same hole.

After starting the day five strokes off the pace, the 34-year-old Virginian was on his way to equalling the Open record of 63 but he missed a five-foot putt to save par at the 17th.

Putting from the fringe at the 18th, his birdie try from about 45 feet missed by inches and he finished at six-under par for the day and five-under 135 for 36 holes.

Kite, leading money-winner on the US Tour, birdied the 14th and 15th holes but drove into the trees on the 16th and took bogey for a 69 and 136.

In third place at 137 was 1987 Open champion Scott Simpson, who posted a 70 in a round interrupted for about 15 minutes after a brief but heavy rain shower.

Jan Don Blake, the only one of the three overnight leaders at



Scott Simpson follows through with his tee shot. (Reuters wirephoto)



Kite lets go of his wedge after missing a birdie. (Reuters wirephoto)

four-under who did not stumble back into the pack, was also at three-under through 15 holes.

Ian Woosnam of Britain, playing in his first US Open, had a 68 that included bogeys at the 15th and 16th holes and stood at 138.

Strange burst back into contention with birdies at the first two holes. He holed a 90-yard wedge shot for eagle at the par-five fourth and added three more birdies at the 10th, 14th and 16th holes before the tough bogey at 17.

Ben Hogan was the last player to successfully defend his Open title, winning at Oakland Hills in Michigan in 1951.

Strange, who last year became the first player to win more than one million dollars in one season on the PGA Tour, now shares the course record for Oak Hills' east course with Hogan, who shot 64 in a tournament in 1942.

Asked if he was unhappy about losing a share of the Open record for 18 holes, Strange said:

"I made a lot of good shots and made a lot of putts, but I'm not unhappy about it."

Jack Nicklaus, Tom Weiskopf and Johnny Miller share the Open record for the lowest 18-hole score of 63.

"I played better today than at Brookline (last year)," Strange said. "I had my game."

But he cautioned, "as I think Jack Nicklaus said, 'You don't win tournaments on Thursday and Friday but you sure can lose them.'"

"Now it begins," Bernhard Langer of West Germany and Payne Stewart, who were the overnight leaders with Blake, had disastrous rounds.

Langer crawled in with a 78 — 12 strokes worse than on Thursday when he made a lot of long putts — to stand at 144 and barely make the cut.

Stewart had almost as tough a

day, posting a 75 for 141.

Briton Nick Faldo, the Masters champion who lost to Strange in a playoff at last year's Open, had a two-over 72 and was among a large group of players at level-par 140.

Joining him there were Australians Greg Norman, who had a 68, and Steve Elkington, who carded a 70 as did Isao Aoki of Japan.

Jack Nicklaus, the four-time Open champion who was just one stroke off the lead after a 67 on Thursday, posted a 74 and stood at 141 with Jumbo Ozaki of Japan and several other players.

Seve Ballesteros of Spain, a perennial pre-tournament favourite who has trouble keeping his ball on the tight fairways at Open courses, shot a 70 and made the cut with a 145 total.

Yesterday four golfers, defying astronomical odds, scored holes-in-one within two hours of each other at the 167-yard sixth hole.

Nick Price, Jerry Pate, Mark Wiebe and Doug Weaver — who started the hole-in-one barrage in the first group of the day each used a seven-iron to achieve the feat.

There have never been as many holes in one in any previous US

Open, let alone in one round or on the same hole — this one nicknamed "Pin Point".

There were only about 200 spectators watching when Weaver, who went on to post a three-over-par 73 for a two-day total of 145, hit his tee shot 18 inches (46 cms) past the hole and it rolled down the hill into the cup.

"What can I say. It went in," Weaver, playing his first Open, told reporters.

About an hour later, Wiebe hit his tee shot about eight feet left of the pin at the front of the sloping green, guarded on the left and in front by Allen's creek and on the right by a gaping bunker, and saw the ball roll into the cup.

Wiebe, who has won two tournaments in six years on the Tour, had the best round of the four, posting a 71 to stand at level-par 140 for the tournament.

Two groups later, as the crowd built in anticipation of further aces, 1976 US open champion Pate scored his eighth career hole-in-one, putting his shot six to eight feet past (two to three metres) the hole and watching it drop into the cup.

"The first one to scream was my wife. She's a screamer," said Pate, who matched his first-round 74 and missed the cut on 148.



Langer watches his ball go above the sand trap on the 4th hole and fall back. (Reuters wirephoto)



The four who scored a hole-in-one. From left: Weaver, Pate, Price and Wiebe. (Reuters wirephoto)

New Zealand outplayed in 2nd half

All Blacks beat off French comeback

CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand, June 17, (Reuters) — New Zealand's All Blacks beat France 25-17 in the first Test today but only after the unfancied French staged a remarkable second-half comeback.

The All Blacks crushed the tourists in the first half, going into halftime with an 18-0 lead.

France almost confounded the pundits, including their own coach Jacques Fouroux who only yesterday offered 100-1 odds against a French win, with a magnificent burst of scoring early in the second half.

Veteran fullback Serge Blanco scored two tries, backed up by a third from flanker Marc Cecilion. The All Blacks' commanding lead shrank to 18-17 in just 11 minutes.

The New Zealanders regained the initiative later in the second half.

France's kicker Philippe Berot missed three easy goals in the match. Had he been on better

form, France could have pulled off one of the most remarkable wins of recent years.

"It was pretty close all right and I think the second half went to France and they capitalised on our mistakes," said All Black captain Wayne Shelford.

"We made vital errors and they came back on us with some very good tries and put us under a lot of pressure...all credit to them, they played very well."

Shelford said the New Zealanders had lost the ball too often in the rucks and mauls. But All Black flyhalf Grant Fox proved a key to the victory, outshining Berot to kick three penalties and two conversions while the Frenchman managed only one piece.

Shelford praised Fox's performance, which backed up a brace of tries from winger Terry Wright in the first half and another from Alan Whetton in the second.

"Usually he's about a 90 per cent (accuracy) man so give him

credit, he kicked the goals and he kept us in the game," Shelford said.

In the first 40 minutes Fouroux's prediction of an easy New Zealand win seemed set to come true. A perfect Fox kick set up the first try in the 24th minute for Wright.

Veteran Shelford's selection as captain had come under fire. But it was a ruck he set up that saw the New Zealand backline put Wright free for his second try.

France, who have rarely used their backs in the first three games of this short tour, cut through the New Zealand mid-field in the second half.

Centres Philippe Sella and Franck Mesnel exploited their superior pace to embarrass a leaden-footed All Black backline.

The All Black forwards had been expected to dominate loose play. But although World Cup star Michael Jones made a couple of surging runs, for the most

part the New Zealand forwards struggled in the second half to keep pace with an inspired French pack.

The second and final Test of the eight-match tour will be played in Auckland on July 1.

Teams: France: Serge Blanco Philippe Berot, Philippe Sella, Franck Mesnel, Patrice Lagisquet Philippe Rouge-Thomas, Pierre Berbizier (captain), Laurent Rodriguez (Alain Caminati), Dominique Erbeni, Jean Comond, Thierry Devergie, Marc Cecilion, Jean-Pierre Garnet, Dominique Bouet, Pascal Ondarts.

New Zealand: John Gallagher John Kirwan, Joe Stanley, Terry Wright, John Schuster, Grant Fox, Bruce Deans, Wayne Shelford (captain), Michael Jones, Murray Pierce, Gary Whetton, Alan Whetton, Richard Loe, Sean Fitzpatrick, Steve McDowall.

Lions triumph again

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA, June 17, (Reuters) — The British Lions overpowered Queensland in the second half to score the third successive victory of their 12-match rugby union tour of Australia today.

The Lions, who won 19-15, repeated their performance against Australia B on Wednesday by coming back strongly after falling behind on a muddy pitch.

Down 12-10 at halftime of a match dominated by the touring side's forwards, the Lions scored nine points in the second half as Scottish fullback Gavin Hastings kicked his third penalty and flyhalf Craig Chalmers dropped two goals.

Chalmers' opposite number Michael Lynagh, currently the best player in Australia, scored all of Queensland's points with four penalties and one drop goal.

The victory was built on a superb second-half performance by the Lions pack which dominated the Queensland eight, particularly in the line-outs where Welshman Robert Norster showed the worth of his vast experience.

The Queensland pack, containing six or seven players who could play in the three-Test series, has swept all before it this season and the performance of the Lions scrum will be a big morale-booster ahead of the first Test on July 1.

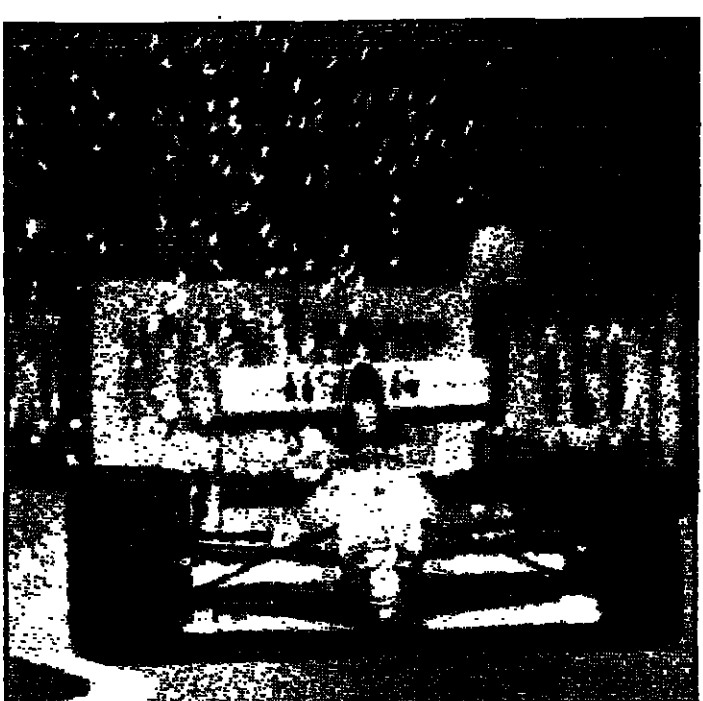
Lions scrumhalf Robert Jones booked his place in the Test side with a masterful performance, highlighted by the only try of the game in the 21st minute.

Jones was content to keep the ball close to the pack in order to maintain his forwards' momentum. The Lions backs only rarely saw the ball with winger Rory Underwood not receiving his first touch until the second half.

Lynagh opened the scoring in the second minute with a field goal and kept pegging the Lions back with three successful penalty kicks.

McLarens dominate first practice session

Prost claims provisional pole position



Derek Warwick's Arrows-Ford sends a shower of sparks during practice for the Canadian Grand Prix. (Reuters wirephoto).

MONTREAL, June 17, (Reuters) — Frenchman Alain Prost out-duelled his McLaren teammate, Ayrton Senna, yesterday to claim provisional pole position for tomorrow's Canadian Grand Prix Formula one motor race.

Prost, winner two weeks ago of the US Grand Prix and leading the championship by two points over his Brazilian rival, will break a string of nine successive poles for Senna if he can hold onto the prime grid position.

Prost and Senna dominated the session, exchanging the lead five times as they spurred each other to greater and greater speeds to fill the two spots on the front row of the starting line.

Prost finally took the lead for good on his 10th lap when he clocked one minute 20.973 seconds on the 4.39 km (2.72-mile) circuit Gilles Villeneuve to surpass Senna, who has dominated qualifying all year and holds the record of 34 career pole positions.

"The engine felt very strong with extremely good drivability and I'm feeling optimistic for the race," Prost said.

The Brazilian, current world champion and winner here last year, went back out onto the track late in the session in an effort to steal the provisional pole from Prost.

Senna's final lap of 1:21.049 surpassed his previous best but was not enough to overtake Prost.

"On my last run I had a slight problem with third gear jumping out a couple of times," Senna said.

Italian Riccardo Patrese, who posted successive second-place finishes in Mexico City and Phoenix, was again impressive yesterday.

Patrese took his Williams around the circuit under overcast skies that threatened but never delivered rain in 1:21.783 to split the McLarens and Ferraris.

Austrian Gerhard Berger, who survived a fiery high-speed crash in San Marino in April, upstaged Ferrari teammate Nigel Mansell of Britain to take a second-row spot on the provisional grid.

Mansell was fifth-fastest, ahead of Patrese's teammate Thierry Boutsen of Belgium, who felt he could have done better.

"I think the second row would have been possible if I hadn't had traffic on my second set of tyres," he said.

Italian Stefano Modena, who was fastest in early morning pre-qualifying, turned in the seventh best time in his Brabham.

But Modena's teammate, Briton Martin Brundle, will miss his first race of the season.

Brake and engine troubles during pre-qualifying forced Brundle to change to a spare chassis that had been set up for Modena and he was unable to overtake Italian Alex Caffi, whose Dallara was the fourth and final car to advance to official qualifying.

"It's a long way to come for nothing," said a frustrated Brundle.

Karpov retains top spot in Cup

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands, June 17, (AP) — Former world champion Anatoly Karpov defeated fellow Soviet grandmaster Arthur Yusupov in a brilliant game in eleventh-round action to remain on top of the standings in the fifth World Cup chess tournament yesterday.

After narrowly escaping defeat in the two previous rounds against Britain's Nigel Short and Estonian grandmaster Jaan Ehivest, Karpov regained his top form against Yusupov, who played black from a queen's gambit.

Yusupov, a stolid defender known as "the battleship" in his native Siberia and nicknamed "The Wall" by Dutch chess fans, made no blunders or strategic mistakes but was gradually forced into a corner.

Missing just one small opportunity to even out around his 20th move spelled the end for Yusupov, and although he stuck to his guns and fought back for almost six hours until his 58th, he never got another chance.

The victory left Karpov in the lead of the tournament standings with an unbeaten record of five



Anatoly Karpov

victories and four draws from the nine games he has played so far.

He needs just two more wins and four draws from the remaining six rounds to come alongside reigning world champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union in the race for the world trophy, which will be decided at the last tournament in the Cup Series, to be held in August in Skelleftea, Northern Sweden.

Stecca retains crown

MILAN, Italy, June 17, (AP) — Italy's Maurizio Stecca retained his WBO featherweight crown last night when Venezuelan challenger Angel Levi Mayor, bleeding from a severe cut below his left eyebrow, was stopped by the referee in the ninth round of their fight at Milan's Palatrussardi Arena.

Stecca, an Olympic champion in Los Angeles, said Mayor had a dangerous right and was tougher than expected.

"Luckily my left worked very well from the fifth round on and he was unable to take the initiative," Stecca said.

Mayor, who had been cut since the second round following a lashing right hook carried by Stecca, did not protest the decision of South African referee Stanley Cristodolou.

"The cut hurts but I can't say if it's very deep. However I believe he took a fair decision. Stecca was very fast in carrying his punches and in moving in the ring. Yet I caught him with some good rights in the third and fourth rounds. Unfortunately he did not go down."

The 26-year-old Italian, staging the first defence of the World Boxing Organization title he had won from Dominican Julio Pedro Nolasco last February, was ahead on points in the cards of the three judges when the bout, scheduled to last 12 rounds, came to an end.

Stecca conceded he had fought the strongest opponent in his career.

Mayor, 27, from Maracaibo, caused severe problems to the world champion with his powerful rights, which shook Stecca in the third and fourth rounds.

The unbeaten Italian achieved his 36th victory in as many pro fights while Mayor's record fell to 20-2-5.

Geovani to join Bologna for \$4.5m

RIO DE JANEIRO, June 17, (Reuters) — Brazilian soccer star midfielder Geovani has been signed by Italian club Bologna, who will pay \$4.5 million for a three-year contract, his agent said yesterday.

"The deal with Bologna was closed earlier this month. We did not announce it before because Vasco da Gama (Geovani's Rio De Janeiro club) was still involved with the League finals," Andre Cardoso told Reuters.

Geovani, 25, is currently in Copenhagen with Brazil's all-star side taking part in a friendly tournament. Cardoso said the star midfielder would fly to Italy for a meeting with officials of his new club, before returning to Brazil.

He is due to report at Bologna for training after Brazil ends play in the South American Cup, next month, and the World Cup qualifying, in August.

"We have negotiated an excellent contract for Geovani in Italy. He is happy and Vasco da Gama is happy," Cardoso said, adding that after his three-year contract expires, Geovani will have an option to sign for one more year.

Geovani, a diminutive, stocky player whose main virtue is his skilful passing ability, rose to stardom in 1983, when he won the award as "Most Valuable Player" in the World Youth Cup, in Mexico.

Brazil won the championship and he was also the top individual scorer, with six goals.

Hot on Karpov's heels in the Rotterdam event was Holland's Jan Timman, who secured his second place in the tournament table with a fine tactical win over Soviet grandmaster Valery Salov.

With four victories, five draws and one defeat against Karpov — to his credit, Holland's best chess player was still half a point below the former world champion.

Britain's John Nunn, who shared second place with Timman at the outset of yesterday's action, dropped one spot after settling for a quick draw with black in his game against US grandmaster Yasser Seierawan.

In further play yesterday, Britain's Nigel Short beat Ehivest, who went down in 38 moves with black from a hard-fought Sicilian defence.

Two other encounters in the eleventh round were uninspired games that were drawn quickly, but Yugoslavia's Ljubomir Ljubovic and Cuban grandmaster Jesus Nogueiras needed 58 moves and two full sessions before they could agree to split the point.

SPORTS

Navratilova and Garrison move into final

BIRMINGHAM, England, June 17. (UPI): Americans Martina Navratilova and second-seeded Zina Garrison posted straight-set victories today to reach the final of the \$150,000 Dow Classic women's grass tennis championships.

Top-seeded Navratilova, 32, returning to action after a two-month layoff, rolled past No. 13

Elna Reinach of South Africa 6-2, 6-2 in 50 minutes in the second semifinal of the day on centre court.

Garrison, 25, meanwhile, avenged last year's straight-set semifinal loss to West German Claudia Kohde-Kilsch by defeating the defending champion 7-6 (7-3), 6-2.

After their respective matches,

both finalists agreed the measure of success will be based on who can control the net.

"It'll be a footrace to the net, I'm sure," said world No. 2 Navratilova.

"I'll be ready for her because I know she can beat me and she knows it too," Navratilova, tuning up for her record-setting ninth singles title at Wimbledon

later this month, has been easing past opponents with remarkable efficiency in her first ever appearance on the courts of Edgbaston priory club.

In today's victory over Reinach, ranked No. 53 world-wide, Navratilova, dropped her opening serve for the first time this week. However there wasn't a whole lot more the 20-year-old

South African was able to capture as the left-handed Navratilova continued to play brilliantly.

Kohde-Kilsch, said if Garrison, ranked No. 5 world-wide, plays the way she did today, she could pull off an upset like she did in last year's quarterfinal round at US Open against Navratilova.



Shoot to cool

A young tennis fan uses a water-filled squirt gun to cool herself off while watching a match at the London Grass Court Tournament on Friday. Temperatures at the centre court were well into 80s Fahrenheit during the afternoon matches. (Reuter wirephoto)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bare cheek

EDINBURGH, June 17. (Reuter): Portugal were fined 10,000 Swiss francs (\$17,000) yesterday for a moment of bare cheek in the World Under-16 Soccer Championship. The International Football Federation (FIFA) imposed the penalty because Portuguese goalkeeper Paulo Santos dropped his shorts after his side drew with Guinea on Wednesday to reach the quarterfinals.

Mike Tyson

BINGHAMTON, New York, June 17. (AP): A man has filed a \$200,000 lawsuit against heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson over an alleged scuffle outside a bar last year. John Copeland charged that Tyson negligently and carelessly struck and pushed him outside the Savoy bar in Hudson, New York, on July 23, 1988, according to the Albany Times Union newspaper.

W. German soccer

BONN, June 17. (Reuter): West German First Division soccer results today.

Borussia	0	Hamburg	4
Waldhof	2	Cologne	1
Bayern	5	Bochum	0
St Pauli	5	Bayer U.	1
Hanover	1	Eintracht	1
Werder B.	3	VFBStuttgart	0
Stuttgart K.	1	Nuremberg	0
Bayer L.	0	Maiserslautern	1
Borussia D.	3	Karlsruhe	2

World soccer

GLASGOW, Scotland, June 17. (AP): Results of today's matches in the FIFA under-16 World Soccer Championships: Quarterfinals: Scotland 1, East Germany 0; Bahrain 0, Brazil 0. OT, Bahrain won 4-1 on penalty kicks; Nigeria 0, Saudi Arabia 0. OT, Saudi Arabia won 2-0 on penalty kicks; Portugal 2, Argentina 1.

Champions Trophy

WEST BERLIN, June 17. (Reuter): World Cup holders Australia dropped their first point at the Champions Trophy men's hockey tournament today when they were held 1-1 by Olympic silver medalists West Germany.

Monica Seles

EASTBOURNE, England, June 17. (Reuter): Monica Seles, the 15-year-old US-based Yugoslav, has pulled out of the Eastbourne grass court tennis tournament next week because she is nervous of playing on grass, a tournament official said yesterday.

Pakistan win

ISLAMABAD, June 17. (Reuter): Pakistan gained a winning 3-0 lead over Bangladesh in their Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group Two semifinal today when Mushaf Zia and Hameedul Haq beat Shovon Jamaly and Faisal Rehman 6-2, 6-1, 6-1 in the doubles.

Bologna tennis

BOLOGNA, Italy, June 17. (Reuter): Spain's Javier Sanchez overpowered top seed Guillermo Perez Roldan of Argentina 7-5, 6-1 today to reach the final of the Bologna men's Grand Prix tennis tournament.

Scottish tennis

EDINBURGH, June 17. (Reuter): Semifinal results in the Scottish Grasscourt Tennis Championships today: Jimmy Connors (US) beat Peter Lundgren (Sweden) 6-1, 6-1; John McEneaney (US) beat Aaron Krickstein (US) 6-4, 6-4.

Argentine squad

BUENOS AIRES, June 17. (Reuter): Diego Maradona and his younger brother Hugo have been included in Argentina's preliminary squad for next month's South American Soccer championship for the Copa America in Brazil.

Linford Christie

LONDON, June 17. (UPI): British Olympic bronze medalist sprinter Linford Christie produced the fastest time in Europe today, clocking 10.19 seconds to win the English Southern Counties 100 metres title.

Local bridge

RESULTS of marathon bridge game held at Regency Palace hotel on Friday:

Card plan

LONDON, June 17. (AP): A government plan to make soccer fans carry membership cards won a narrow victory in the House of Lords yesterday but faced an uncertain future as lawmakers awaited a report on the country's worst sports disaster.

Davis Cup

BANGKOK, June 17. (Reuter): Thailand took a winning 3-0 lead over Sri Lanka in their Davis Cup Asia-Oceania Zone Group Two tennis semifinal today when Thanakorn Srichaphan and Vorapol Thongkanchu beat Niel Rajapakse and Arjun Fernando 6-1, 7-6, 6-3 in the doubles.

Lendl tames Annacone

World No. 1 reaches final



Lendl wipes his forehead during his match (Reuter wirephoto)

record against the American to 2-0.

Lendl's place in the final of the

tournament considered the premier tune-up for Wimbledon shows that he has adjusted to grass although he lost the Wimbledon finals in 1986 and 1987.

"Winning Wimbledon is my ambition now in tennis," said Lendl, who has won all other three Grand Slam tournaments. "I came here hoping to get in a lot of practice on grass."

"I did. In ten days I've played as much as I normally would have in two-and-a-half weeks."

The outcome of the serve-dominated confrontation was uncertain until late in the deciding set, when Lendl broke the American in the 11th game.

He then wrapped up the victory on second match point after squandering his first opportunity with an over-hit forehand approach.

Lendl, who had only lost three career sets to New Yorker Annacone going into the match on centre court at Queens club, needed 48 minutes to take the opener on a tiebreaker.

He lost only a single point on his first four serves of the second set, but Annacone forced a third set as he broke Lendl in the 10th game with a rifling return of serve which the world No. 1 couldn't touch.

Australian Open champion Lendl, winner of four other Nabisco Grand Prix titles in 1989, has reached the semifinals in eight of the nine tournaments he's played this year.

The sole stain on the record is his fourth-round defeat by American teenager Michael Chang in the fourth round of the French Open last week.

Annacone last appeared in a semifinal match in August at Stratton, Vermont, where he beat Australian Darren Cahill.

Yesterday No. 3 seed Mats Wilander was knocked out of the highly polished performance from Annacone.

"I just didn't feel up to it," said Wilander. "Some of the other guys have had the same thing."

2nd Test squad named

England call up Fraser

LONDON, June 17. (Reuter): Middlesex fast bowler Angus Fraser was named today in England's squad for next week's second Test against the Australian cricketers at Lord's.

The untied 23-year-old joins fellow-pacemen Graham Dilley and Paul Jarvis in a 13-man squad shaken-up by selectors after England's 210-run first Test defeat at Headingley.

Selectors' chairman Ted Dexter said: "Fraser's knowledge of conditions on his home ground was a factor in his selection."

First Test failures Phillip DeFreitas, Derek Pringle and Phil Newport are all missing from the party which is without a recognised all-rounder.

David Capel was widely tipped to return but he had to pull out of Northamptonshire's match against Australia today with a rib problem.

Of the four-pronged pace attack hit for 830 runs in the first Test, only Neil Foster remains, although Newport had already withdrawn from contention with achilles tendon trouble. Fraser, 1.95 metres tall and powerfully built, sprang to prominence last season by capturing 80 first-class wickets at less than 20 runs apiece.

He has continued in the same vein this summer.

four of his 37 wickets coming during a long and sustained spell of hostile bowling for Middlesex against the Australians three weeks ago.

England's hopes of squaring the six-Test series will have been boosted by the return of Dilley, their premier strike bowler who missed the one-day series and the first Test after a knee operation.

With Capel out and Ian Botham not returning to action until Wednesday after fracturing a cheekbone, England will again field six frontline batsmen.

One of those six should be captain David Gower, although he entered hospital last night for an exploratory operation on his damaged right shoulder.

Dexter said: "In the unlikely event of David being unavailable, Mike Gatting would take over the captaincy."

Gatting, sacked as skipper a year ago, returned to Middlesex duty on Saturday after missing the first Test because of a broken thumb.

Squad: David Gower, Kim Barnett, Chris Broad, Graham Dilley, John Emburey, Neil Foster, Angus Fraser, Mike Gatting, Graham Gooch, Paul Jarvis, Allan Lamb, Jack Russell, Robin Smith.

Buffalo to host 1993 Universiade

BUFFALO, N.Y., June 17. (Reuter): The executive committee of the International Federation of University Sports (FISU) selected Buffalo, N.Y., for 1993 Summer World University Games, Burt Flickinger, head of the local organising committee said yesterday.

The World University Games — also known as the Universiade

— is second to the Olympics as the world's largest amateur athletic competition. More than 7,000 athletes are expected to compete in Buffalo.

The 1993 Games — their 70th anniversary — will be the first held in the United States.

Most of the competition in 10 sports will be at the state University of New York at Buffalo north campus in Amherst, N.Y.

The campus will provide housing for the majority of student competitors expected from more than 120 countries.

Flickinger said Buffalo's chief competitors for the event were Shanghai, China and Fukuoto, Japan.

Fittipaldi takes provisional pole for Detroit GP

DETROIT, June 17. (UPI): What was supposed to be a qualifying round for the \$1 million Detroit Grand Prix yesterday was actually a learning session for the drivers.

Indy 500 winner Emerson Fittipaldi drove his PC18 to a qualifying lap of 87.693 mph (141.128 kph) to earn the provisional pole position for tomorrow's 155-mile (250 km) race on the 2.5-mile (4 km) winding street circuit.

Tomorrow's race will be the first Indy-car event on the Detroit circuit after seven years of Formula One racing on the course.

Fittipaldi, whose best start this year was two weeks ago from the No. 2 spot in Milwaukee, was 1.765 mph (2.840 kph) off the course qualifying record of 89.458 mph (143.968 kph).

Michael Andretti grabbed the second fastest speed of 87.652 mph (141.062 kph) on his final qualifying lap.

Al Unser Jr was third among the qualifiers with a lap speed of 87.562 mph (140.917 kph). Mario Andretti, Michael's father, was the fourth quickest with a clocking of 86.665 (139.473 kph).

Scott Pruett, who has driven on the Detroit circuit the last two years in the Trans Am racing series, sped around the course in 86.297 (138.881 kph).

Hoerner just fails to break world record

EAST BERLIN, June 17. (Reuter): Olympic 100 metres breaststroke bronze medalist Silke Hoerner came within a whisker of her world record yesterday when she retained her title at the East German Championships.

The Leipzig physiotherapist clocked one minute 08.33 seconds, under half a second outside the world record she set at the 1987 European Championships.

She was over a second ahead of 200 metres breaststroke champion Susanne Boenike.

In the men's 200 metres breaststroke, Thomas Mueller smashed the four-year-old national record of Ralf Buttgeriet by exactly one second to win in 2:18.59. Olympic 400 metres freestyle champion Uwe Dasser had to be content with sharing his national title over the distance when he and Joerg Hofmann touched simultaneously to clock 3:51.93.

"I'm not bothered about sharing the title with Joerg, but the time should have been even faster. I'm still not on the sort of form I'd hoped for," he said.

Kathleen Nord clocked a personal best of 1:00.95 to win the 100 metres butterfly, a new and shorter distance for the former medley swimmer.

But it was a sobering thought that last year's Olympic and national champion Kristin Otto, the bemedalled Seoul star, did not compete. Also, the second and third placed swimmers last year were missing through illness.

Bookmaker gets major reduction in jail sentence

CINCINNATI, June 17. (AP): The man described as Pete Rose's bookmaker earned a major reduction yesterday in his jail sentence on drug and tax charges for co-operation with federal investigators.

Ronald Peters, 32, was sentenced to two years in jail yesterday by US district Judge S. Arthur Spiegel on charges that carried a maximum 23-year prison term. The government had asked for a reduced sentence because Peters has helped federal authorities, who also are conducting a grand jury probe of Rose's taxes.

Peters also is a key figure in the baseball commissioner's investigation of gambling allegations against the Cincinnati Reds' manager. Rose will have a hearing June 26 in New York with commissioner A. Bartlett Giamatti.

Burrell and Sowell run fast 100m at US meet

Kingdom wins 110-metre hurdles



Kingdom on his way to victory in the 110-metre hurdles.

HOUSTON, June 17. (Reuter): Leroy Burrell, a sprint long-jump protegee of Olympic double gold champion Carl Lewis, blazed to the sixth fastest 100 metres ever as he clocked 9.94 seconds at the US championships yesterday on the track where he and Lewis train daily.

Only three men have ever run faster — disgraced Canadian Ben Johnson, whose world record is 9.83 seconds — Lewis and fellow American Calvin Smith.

"I knew I had to dig extra (deep)," Burrell said of his mid-race surge that gave him command of the race after 70 metres to defeat Olympian Dennis Mitchell by a metre in the fastest 100 metres of the year as Lewis looked on.

The sizzling performance, which improved Burrell's personal best by nine hundredths of a second, came minutes after new US sprint star Dawn Sowell, wearing a flashy black and gold leotard over a white body suit, clocked 10.91 seconds to win the women's 100 metres.

The clinic in US speed continued in the hurdles as Lynda Tolbert won the women's 100-metre hurdles in 12.75 seconds and two-time Olympic champion Roger Kingdom clocked 13.22 seconds in the men's 110-metre hurdles.

But Olympic women's high jump winner Louise Ritter was upset in her bid to make the US team for September's World Cup meeting in Barcelona.

Jan Wohlschlag needed one less attempt to clear 1.93 metres (6 feet, 4 inches) as she defeated Rider, who made the same

third straight US title by bounding 17.50 metres (57 feet, 5 inches).

Winners in the championships, which end today, automatically qualify for the World Cup with the top 25 finishers eligible for the June 24-25 quadrangular meeting between

the United States, the Soviet Union, West Germany and Britain in Birmingham, England.

Burrell, who lost the US collegiate long jump championship on the last jump two weeks ago, said he had awakened yesterday morning wanting to run nine (seconds and) something.

"I was really depressed about my showing at the collegiate championships," said the 22-year-old University of Houston student, "and wanted to do something to make up for it."

He did, coming within two-hundredths of a second of Lewis' American record of 9.92 seconds.

A tired Sowell, whose impressive spring of sprinting has fuelled talk that she may be the next Florence Griffith Joyner, said she was ready for a break before going to Europe for a series of meetings.

"My start was terrible," said Sowell, who clocked 10.95 seconds in the semifinals a couple of hours earlier. "But I knew it was going to be terrible so I had to switch a couple of gears during the race."

She went on to defeat Sheila Echols by two metres in a time that was second only to her world-leading performance of 10.78 seconds at altitude two weeks ago.

IOC medical commission disputes inquiry testimony

FRANKFURT, West Germany, June 17. (AP): A member of the International Olympic Committee's medical commission yesterday denied suggestions that officials had discovered more doping cases at the Seoul Olympics than previously reported.

"There were 10 doping cases in Seoul, no more," said Manfred Donike, a West German member of IOC's medical commission. "Any suggestions that there were more cases are false."

"There are documents and medical records that prove that there were only 10 doping cases."

In a telephone interview from Cologne, Donike, a doping expert, denied having ever told a West German television reporter that 80 per cent of male track and field athletes who were tested in Seoul had used steroids.

The reporter, Bernd Heller of the ZDF television network, made the statement while testifying earlier this week at the Canadian government inquiry into the use of drugs by athletes. The inquiry was prompted by Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson's disqualification in Seoul after he tested positive for steroid use.

Johnson was one of the 10 athletes who tested positive for drugs in Seoul.

Heller, a former pole vaulter, told the inquiry that in a later conversation with Donike, the drug expert backed off from his earlier statement on the wide usage of steroids by track and field athletes.

"Donike said he never mentioned any figures."

"These figures are not from me," Donike said. "And I never said anything that he could possibly have misunderstood."

Donike, who heads a doping laboratory at the Institute of Biochemistry at the German Sports School in Cologne, said Heller first spoke about the 80 per cent figure during a television show in March.

Heller, who is one of the hosts on a popular Saturday sports show, also suggested that Olympic officials had concealed the real number of athletes that had tested positive for steroid use in Seoul, according to Donike.

"I wrote to him and said this was incorrect and we did have a telephone conversation later in which I repeated that these suggestions are false," Donike said.

Donike said he did not know where Heller got his figures. Donike said he believed the rumours started after allegations made by former British runner David Jenkins that a majority of track and field athletes used steroids.

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